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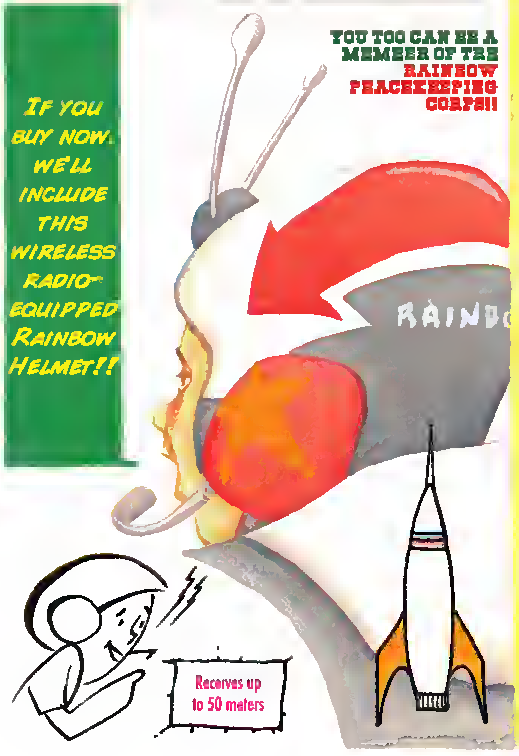
MASUKA

GOES UP TO
30 KM/HR!!

IF YOU BUY NOW, WE'LL INCLUDE THIS WIRELESS RADIO-EQUIPPED RAINBOW HELMET!!

YOU TOO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE RAINBOW PEACEKEEPING CORPS!!



GOES UP TO
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RAINBOW BIKE

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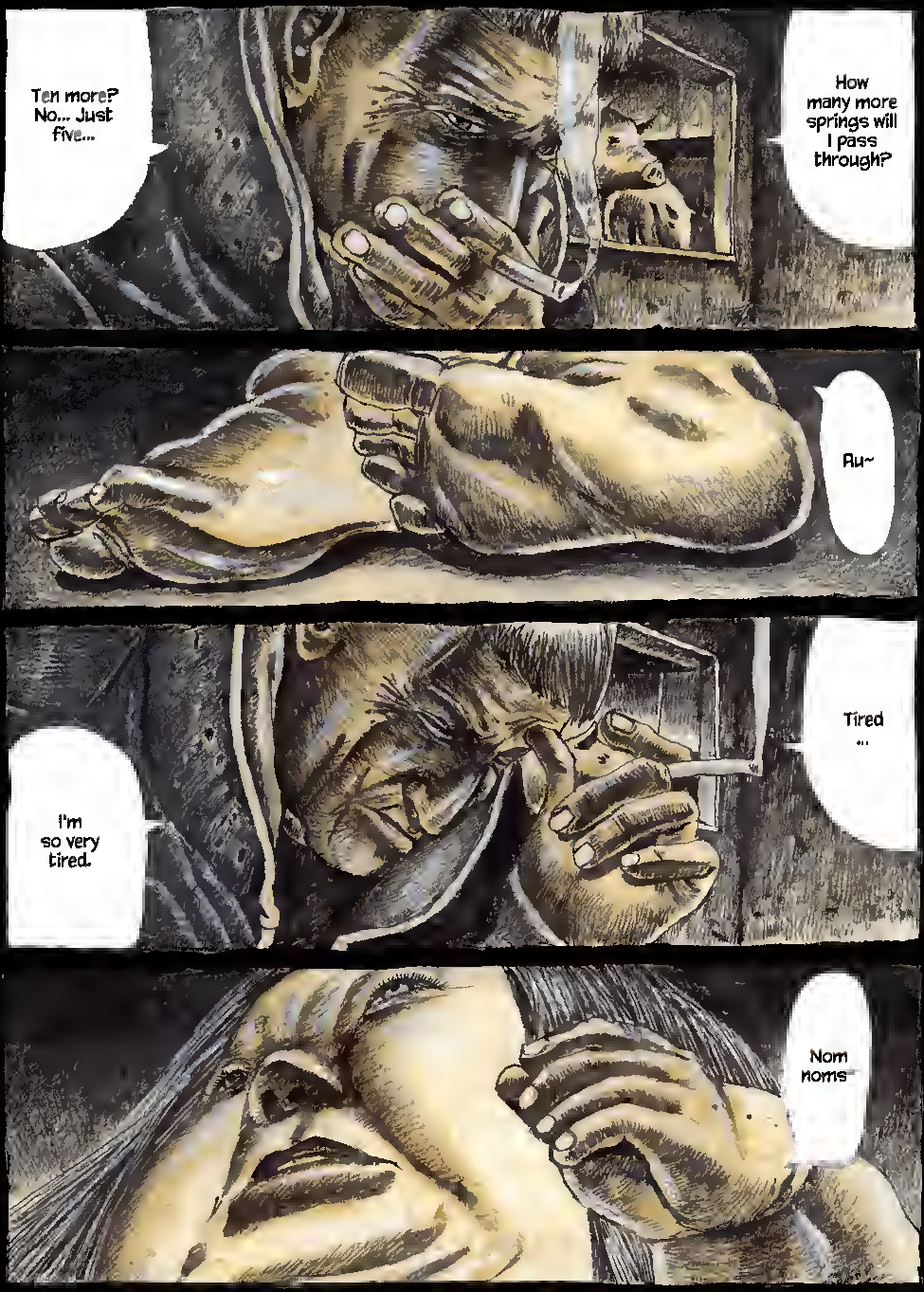

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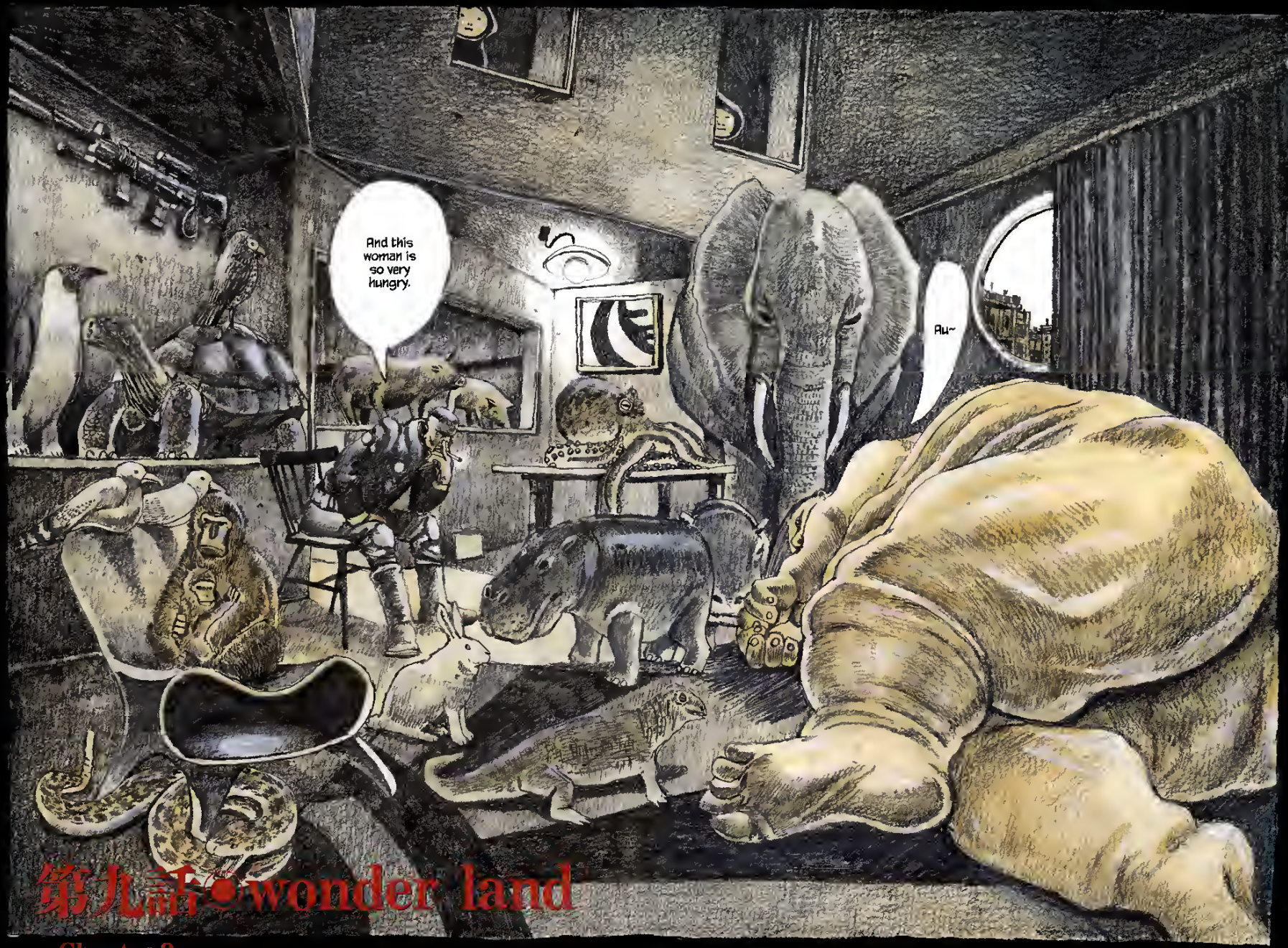


第九話 wonder land

Chapter 9

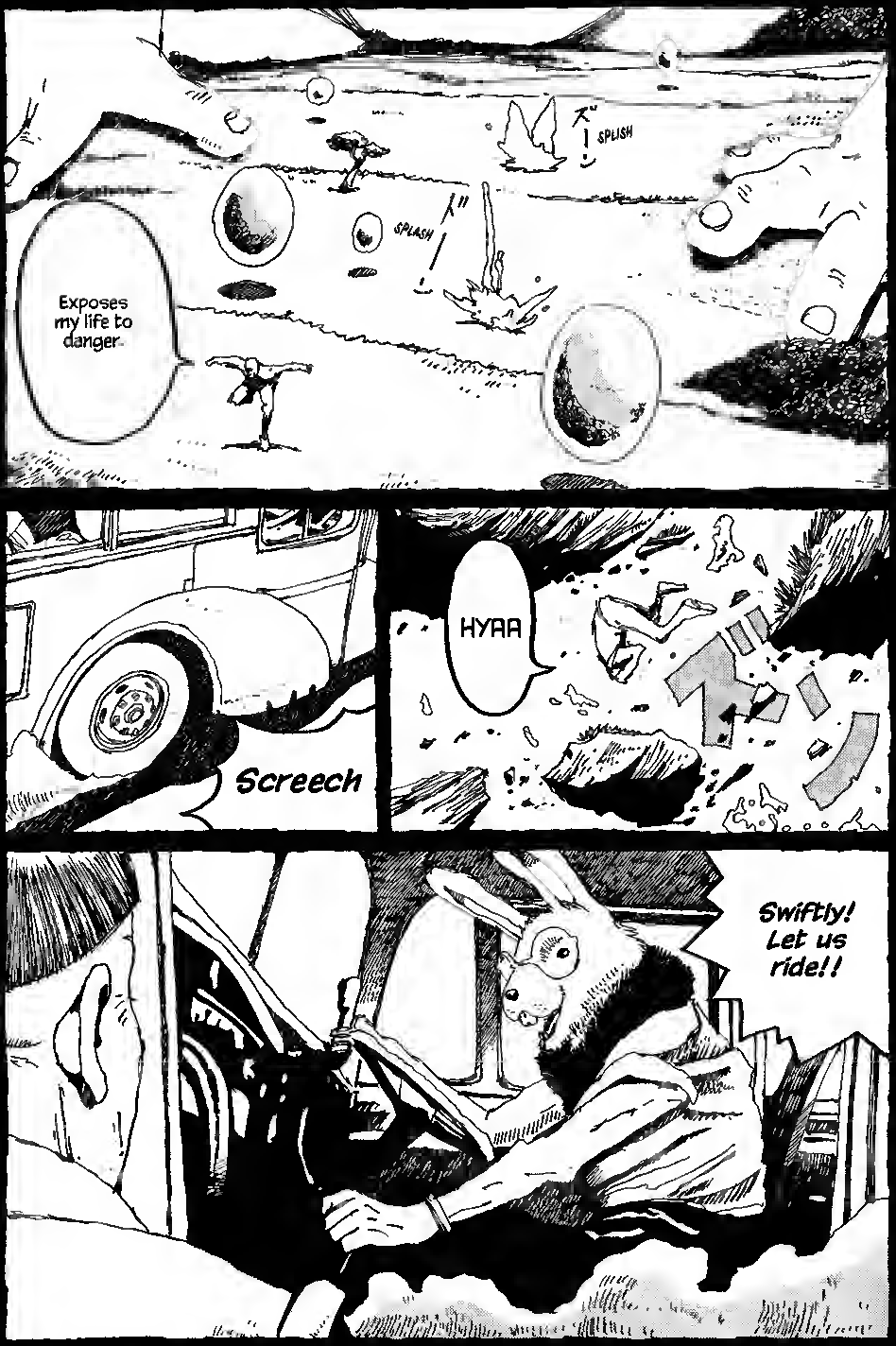
I'm tired ...
nom nomm
The world has been shrouded in darkness.
For such a long time. Always...
Au ~
I'm just so very tired.

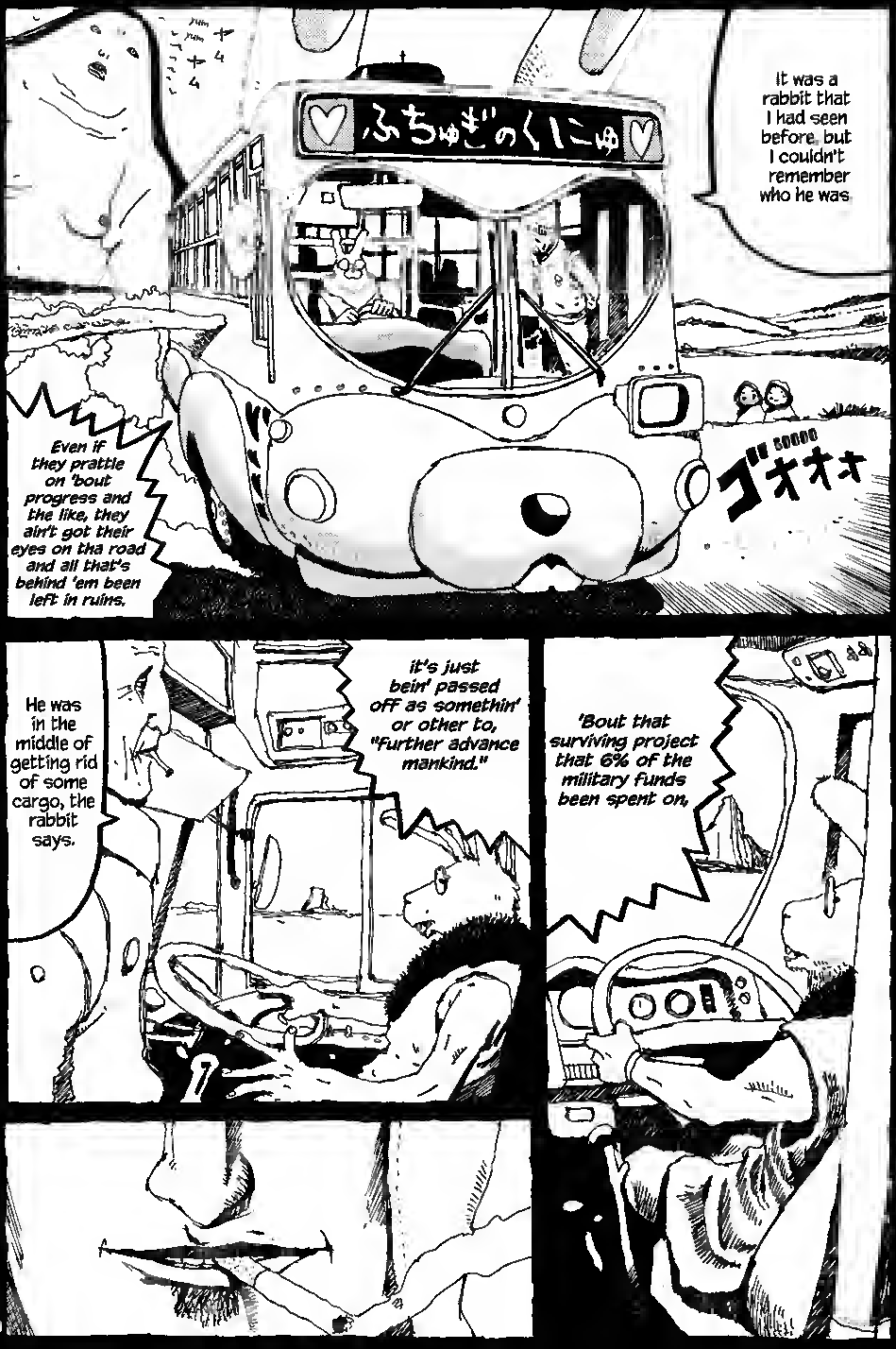
Um.
I'll try asking that young boy for a store that sells smokes.
What are you doing here?
Watering the cloud flowers.

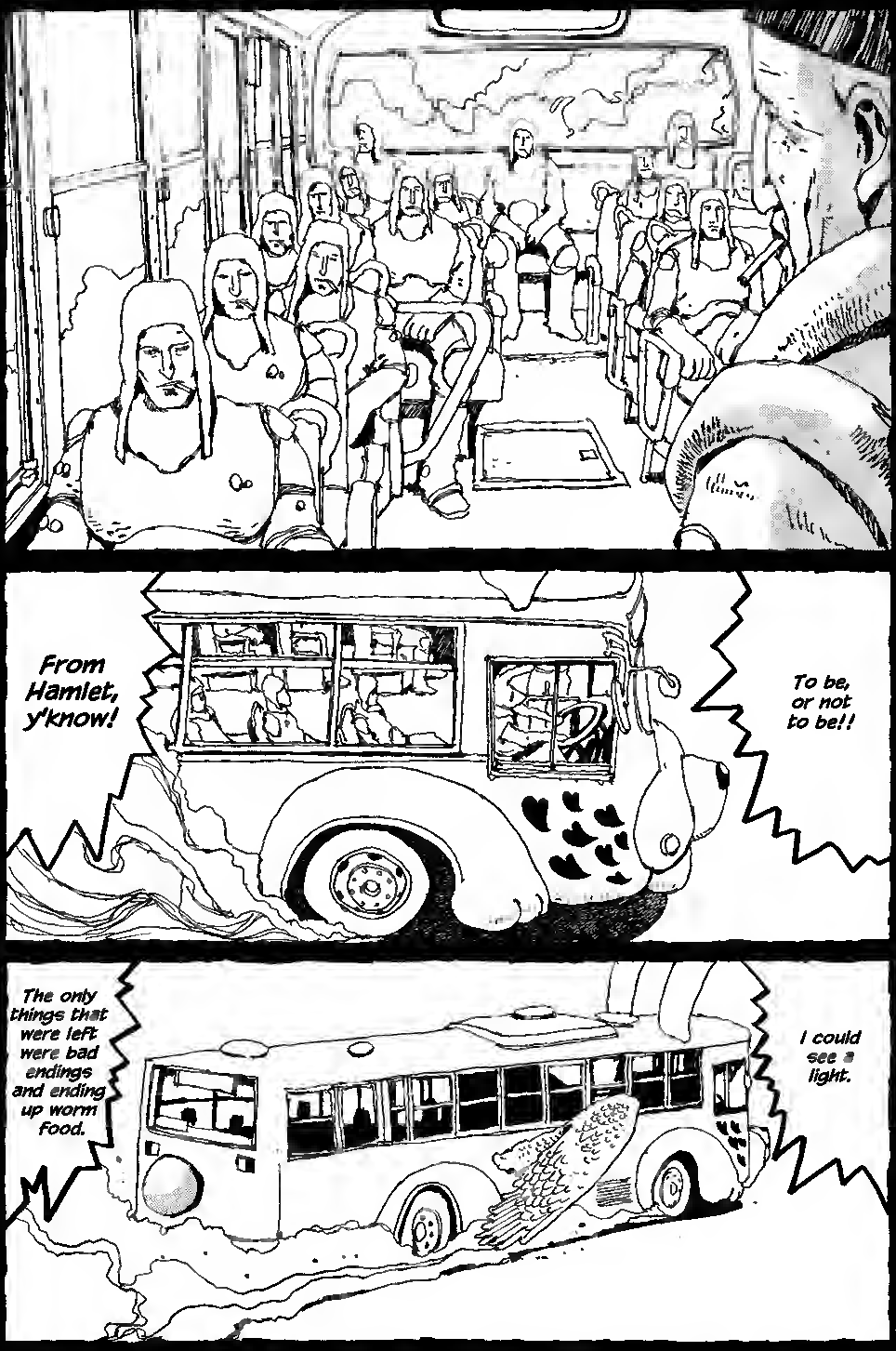
The frontier spirit itself is the lifeline of mankind!!
To delay would be to retreat.
and to retreat would mean death.
Should we sing?
You go first then
We ain't no Donner party climbing the Sierra mountains
!

I have already walked for three da straigh
My feet are heavy.
KE KE KE
This planet has past its end and continues its descent into mad
No... I feel like I've been walking for a few thousand years
Or, has it only been for a mere five minutes?
Indeed
Hom Hom...
No, some tens of thousands of years ...
Some hundreds of millions of years...
Much longer than that...

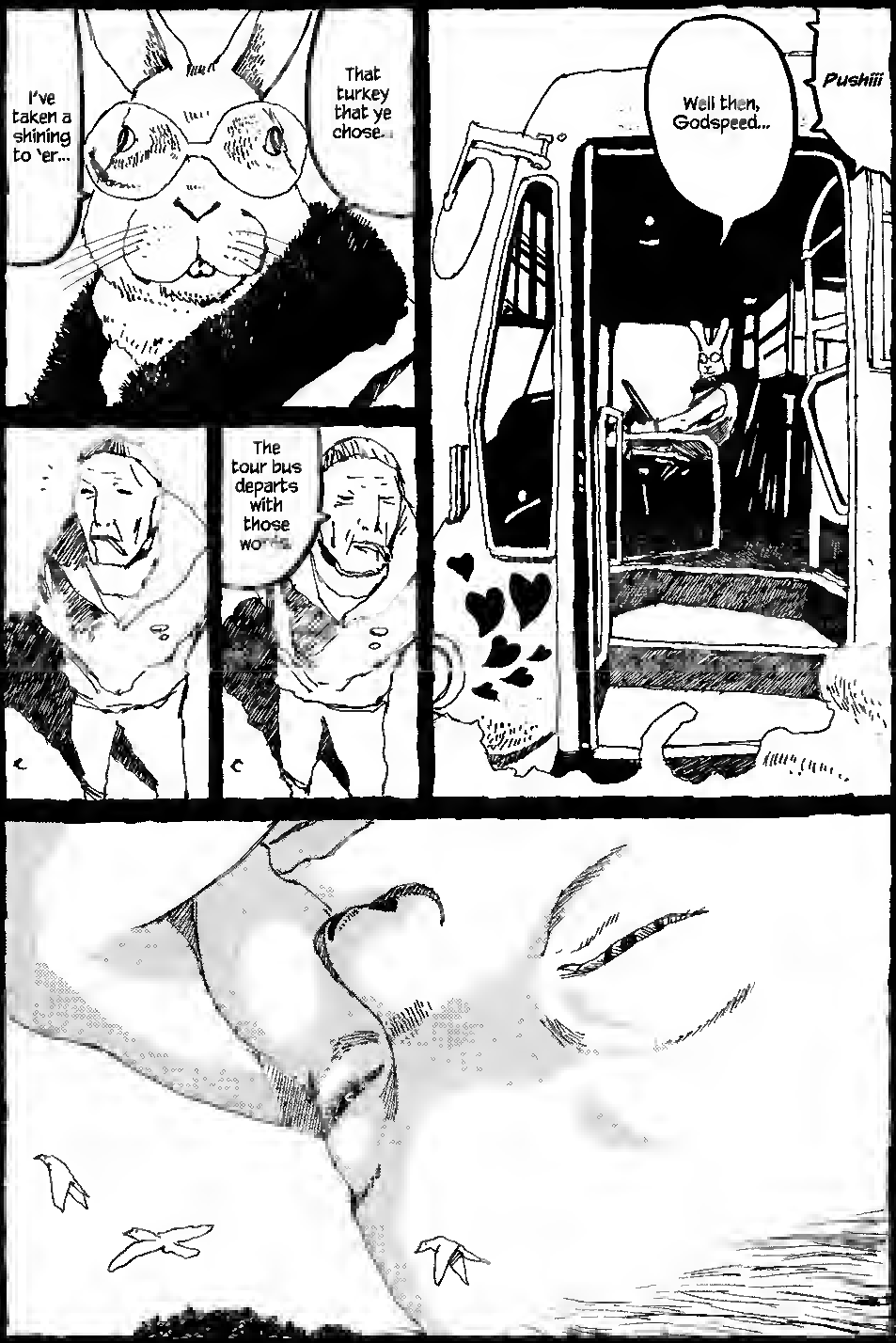
nom
nomsss
Aaaaaau.
The woman who had been unable to wait for my return has become enormous.
Her endless flow of tears and drool—


SPLISH
SPLASH
Exposes my life to danger.
Screech
HYAA
Swiftly! Let us ride!!

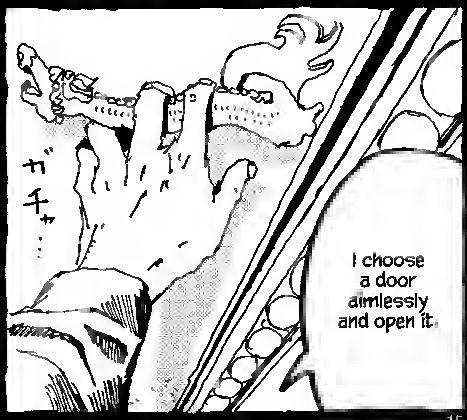

ふちゅぎのくにゅ
It was a rabbit that I had seen before, but I couldn't remember who he was.
Even if they prattle on 'bout progress and the like, they ain't got their eyes on tha road and all that's behind 'em been left in ruins.
ゴオオオ
He was in the middle of getting rid of some cargo, the rabbit says.
it's just bein' passed off as somethin' or other to, "further advance mankind."
'Bout that surviving project that 6% of the military funds been spent on,


From Hamlet, y'know!
To be, or not to be!!
The only things that were left were bad endings and ending up worm food.
I could see a light.

And what did I see in the pictures of the Copernicus crater taken by the second lunar orbiter?
GURU
GURU
the dismal fate of a horse being led by a carrot on a stick and the boundaries between dreams and reality.
Within it's gigantic circumference, the distortion of the relative location of star Proxima Centuari was...
But then, from the overhaul of that remote operation of the cosmic yin & yang solenoid,
The truth that what was livin' in the Carboniferous period of the Paleozoic era 3 hundred million years ago was cockroaches.
I CANNOT BEAR IT!!
KYAAAAAAA...


I've taken a shining to 'er...
That turkey that ye chose...
Well then, Godspeed...
Pushiii
The tour bus departs with those wo

So very tired.

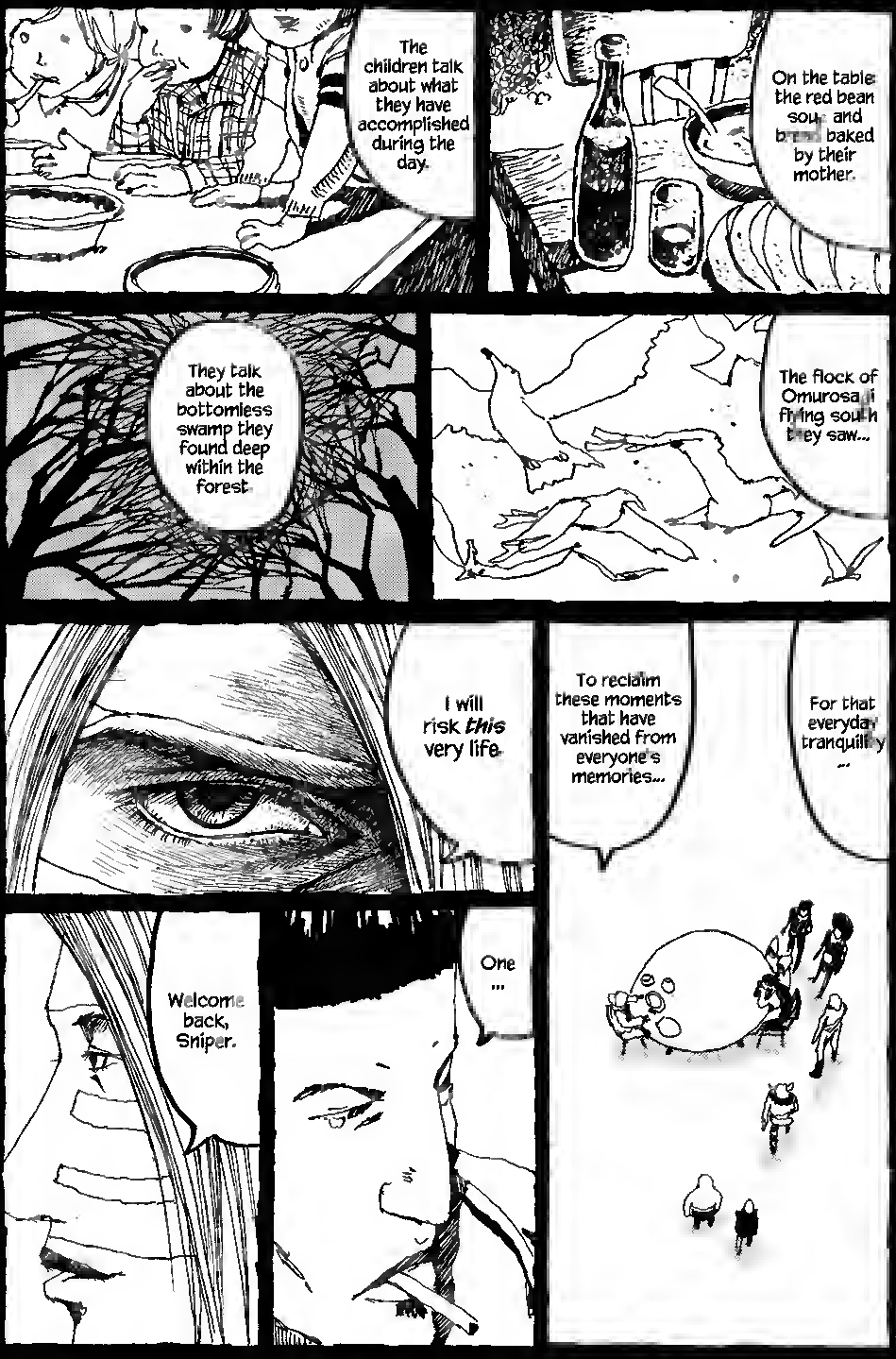

ガチャ…
I choose a door aimlessly and open it.

I am tired.

How's the situation look outside?
Hey there, Number Five...

I have done something that cannot be undone.
It's been shrouded in darkness.
Everything's going to hell...

The setting sun looks as though it's burning as it engulfs the hill the children are playing on.
Even if you've never experienced it, you can still imagine it, can't you, Five?
The sister holds her younger brother's... The brother holds his younger sister's hand, and they come running.
Their mother calls them for dinner and they come bounding down.


The children talk about what they have accomplished during the day.
On the table: the red bean soup and bread baked by their mother.
They talk about the bottomless swamp they found deep within the forest.
The flock of Omurosagi flying south they saw...
I will risk *this* very life.
To reclaim these moments that have vanished from everyone's memories...
For that everyday tranquility...
One...
Welcome back, Sniper.

PZZH
Everyone has been waiting for you

?!!
EEK!

!?
Ah?
Number Five is here!!
ワアアア
Hey look. It's Five.
ESTO
Supporting actor

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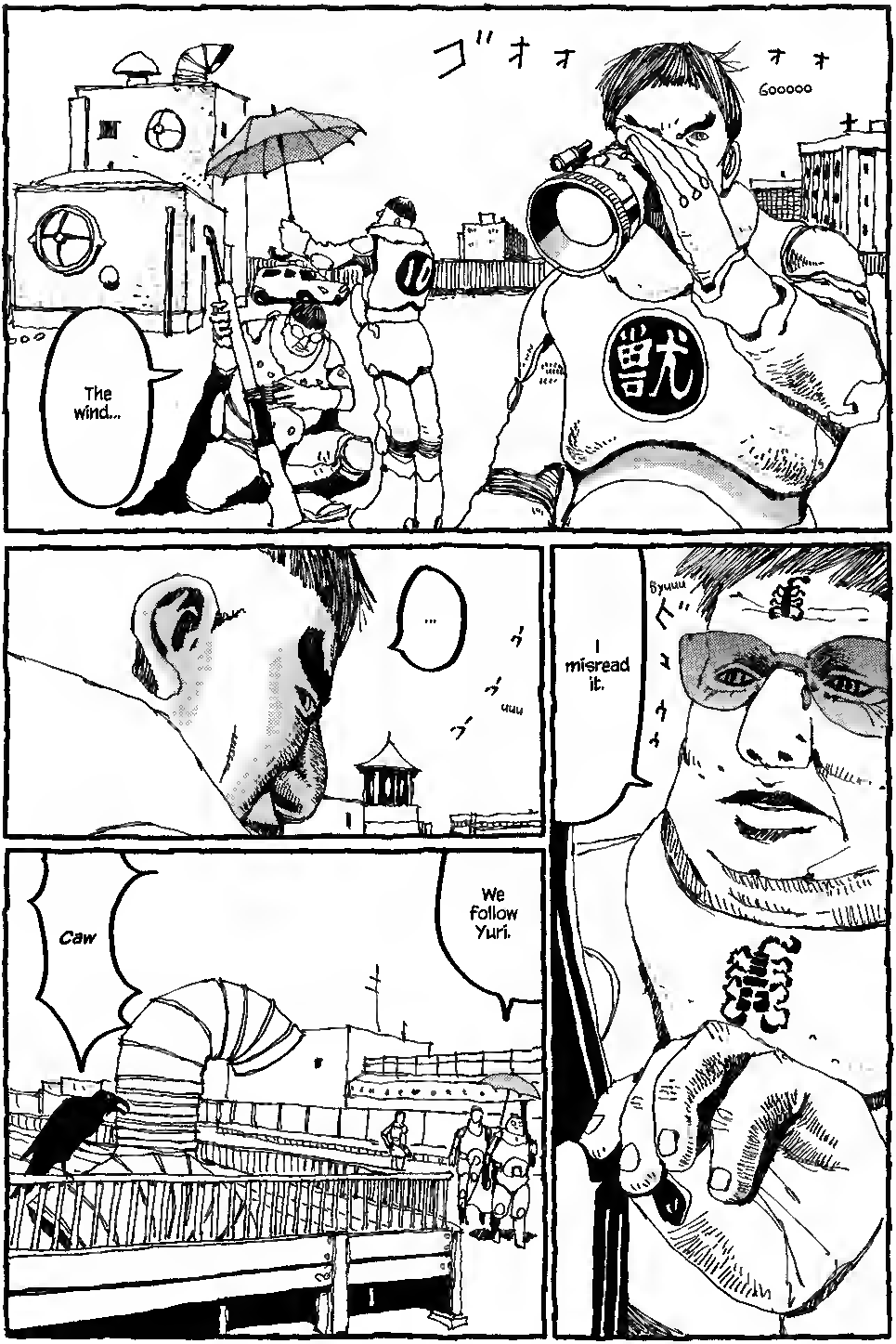
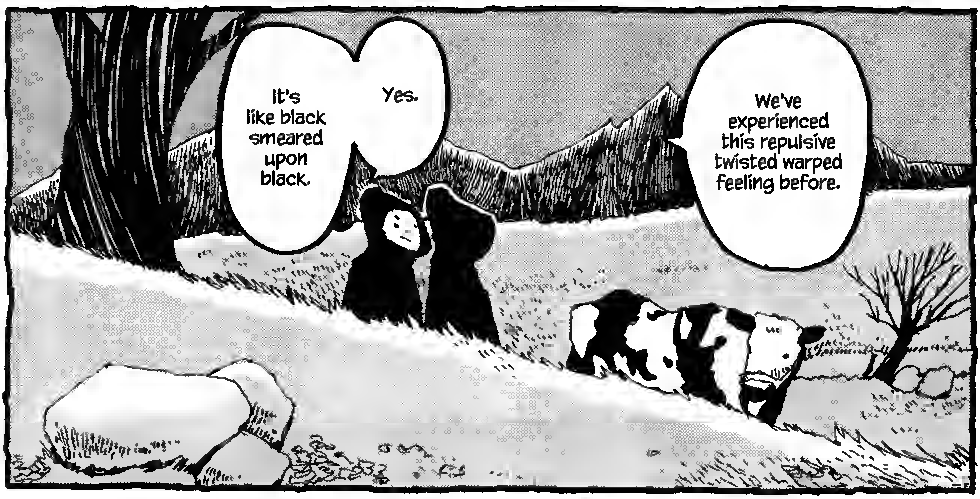
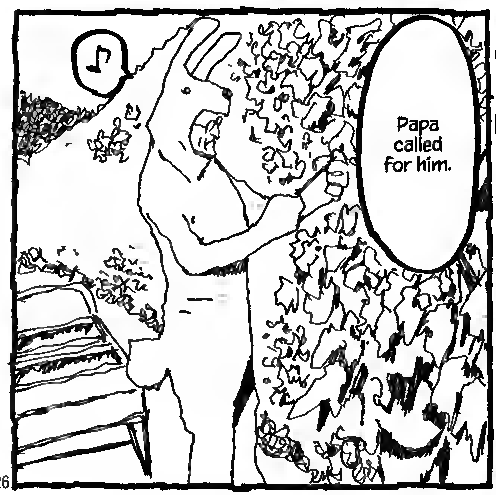
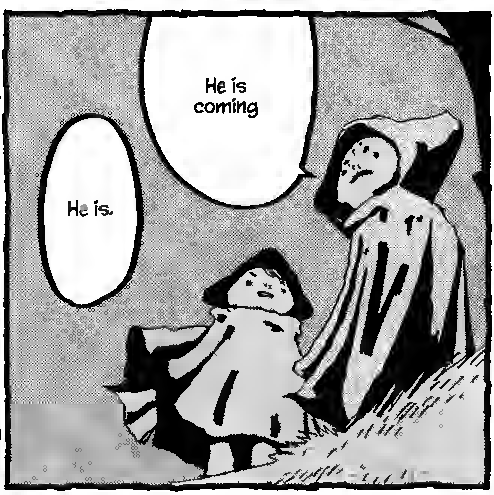
HOTEL
AH !!
Zaah
Hm.
Click
Yuri is running away...
Byuuu
The waiter is dead.

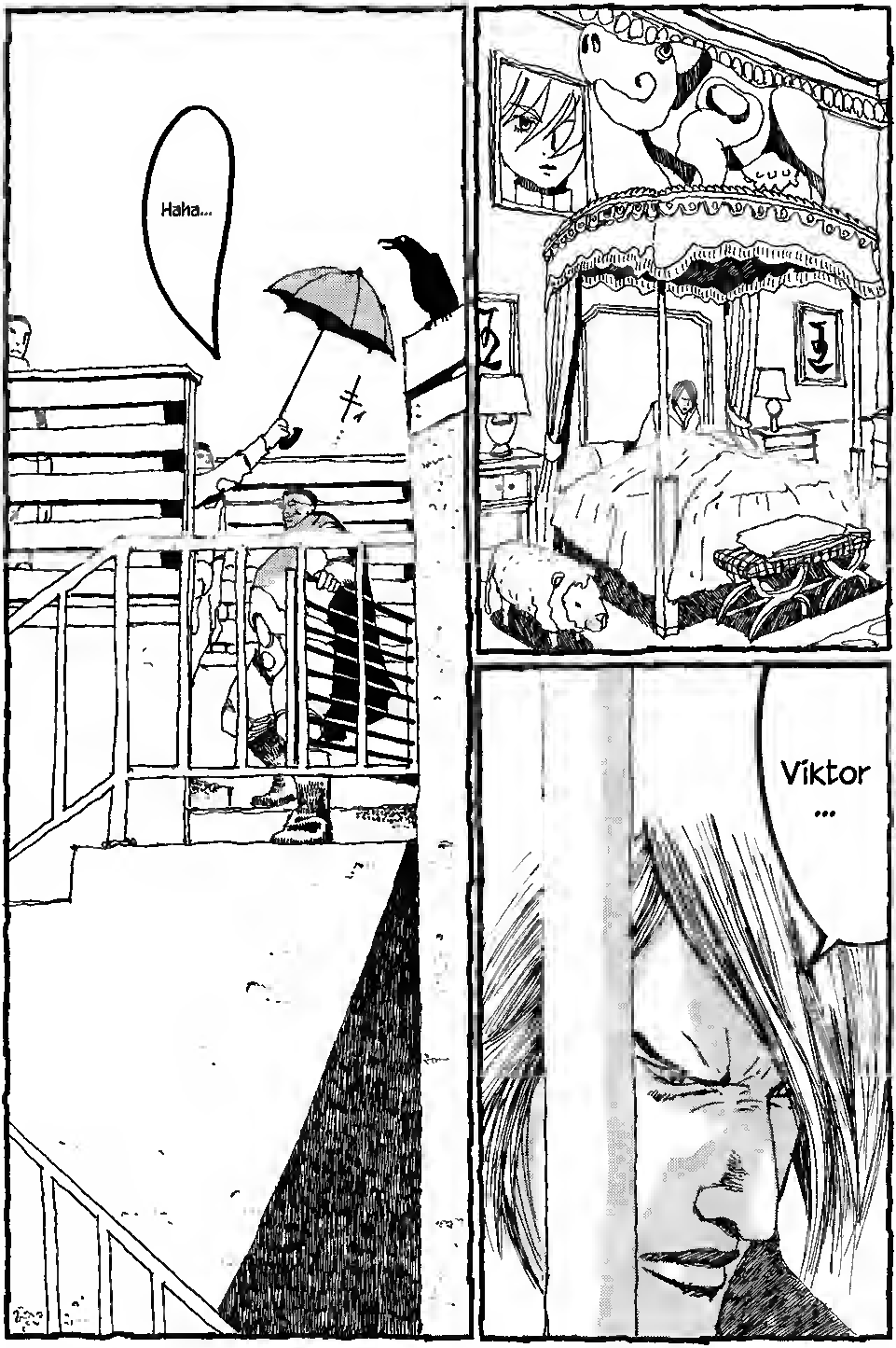

ゴォォ
Goooo
The wind...
...
uuu
I misread it.
Byuuu
Caw
We follow Yuri.

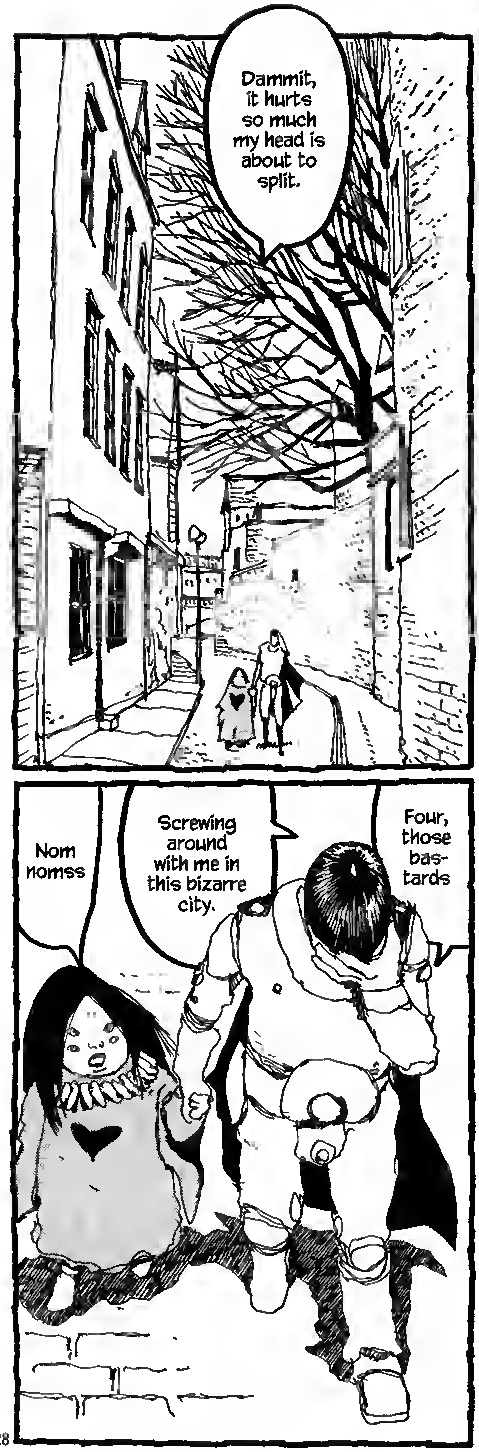
Uwohhh~


It's like black smeared upon black.
Yes.
We've experienced this repulsive twisted warped feeling before.

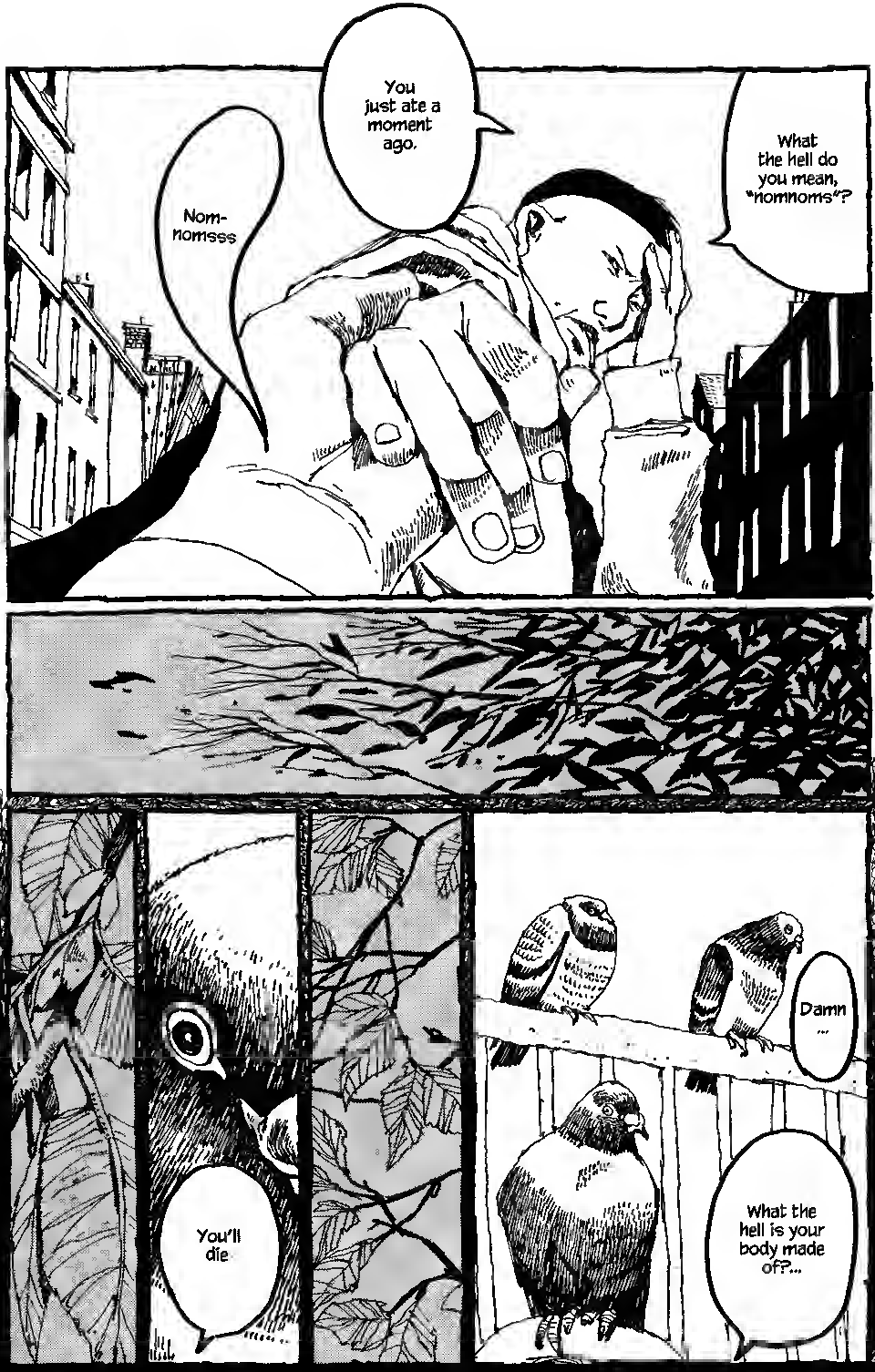

Papa called for him.


He is coming
He is.


Haha...
Viktor
...


Dammit, it hurts so much my head is about to split.
Nom nomss
Screwing around with me in this bizarre city.
Four, those bastards

Hmph.


You just ate a moment ago.
What the hell do you mean, "nomnoms"?
Nom-nomsss
You'll die
Damn ...
What the hell is your body made of?...

But we haven't eaten anything since this morning. My stomach is cryin' out like a kaʻaka frog.
Mau Mau

I found a boy in a gloomy mood staring at a flower pot.

Hm.

Puuu

I'll try asking him if there's any place to eat around here
Um.
ビュウ ㅅㅅㅅ

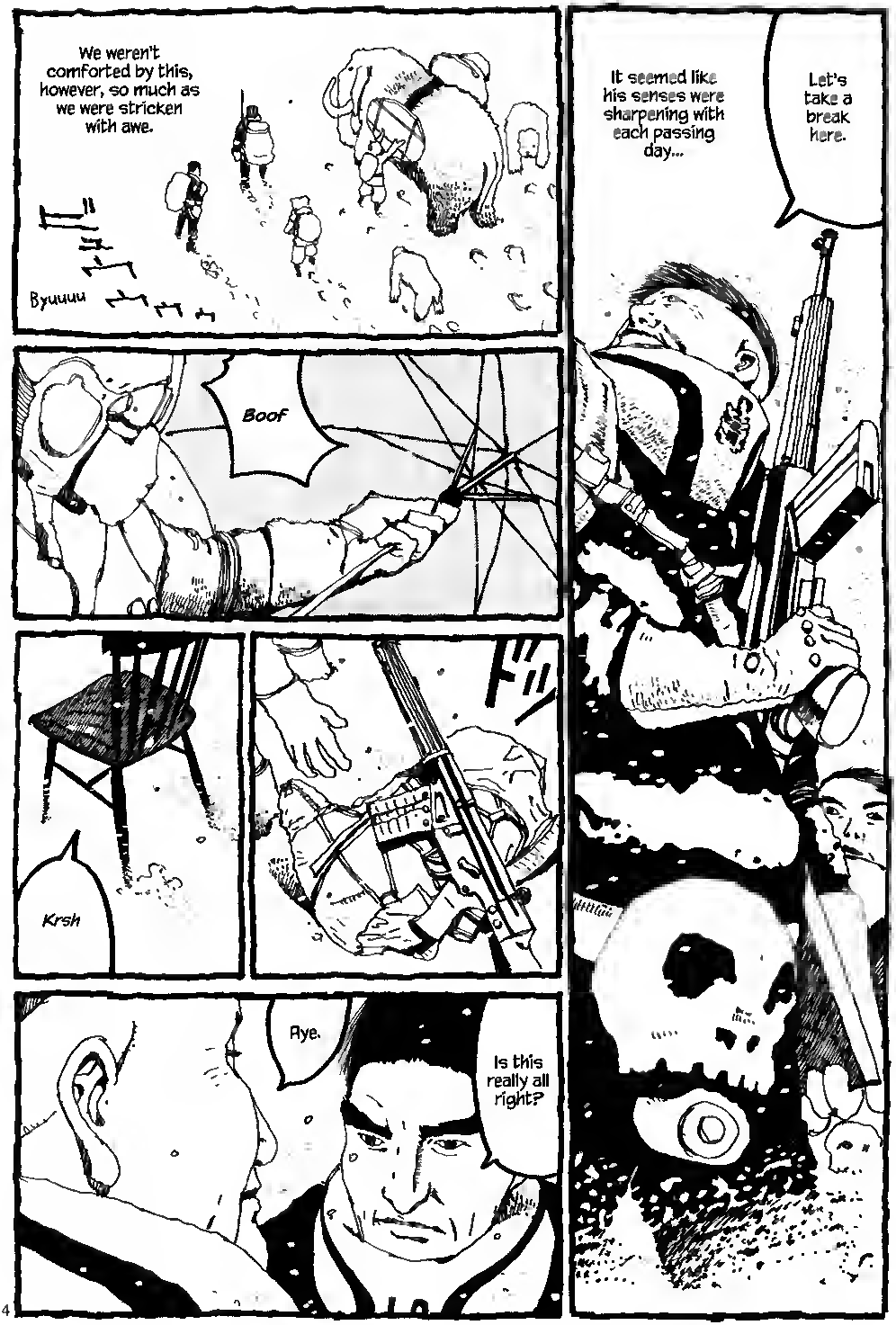
☜ Go to Chapter 10!!

第十話◉snow field

Chapter 10

ビュウウウ
BYUUU
Fwomp
ウウウウウ
It was the tenth day since we had entered the snow field.
ザッ

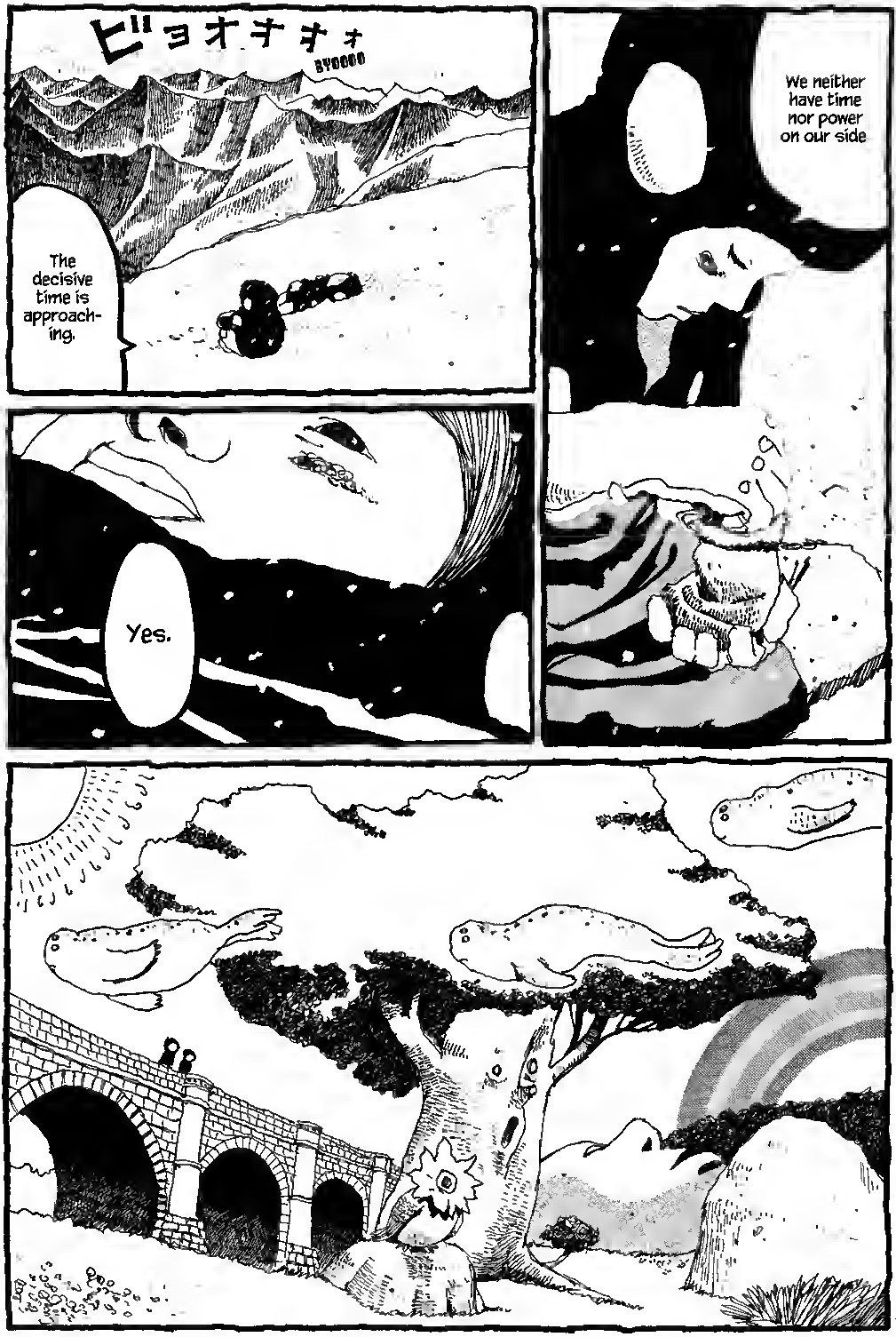
Due to the cold as well as a lack of food and sleep, our fatigue reached the point that we started to lose sight of our purpose.
Kshh... kshhht kshh.
Hm ...
However, one person ...
Kshht ...
ス ッ
Never did. Lieutenant Colonel Viktor.

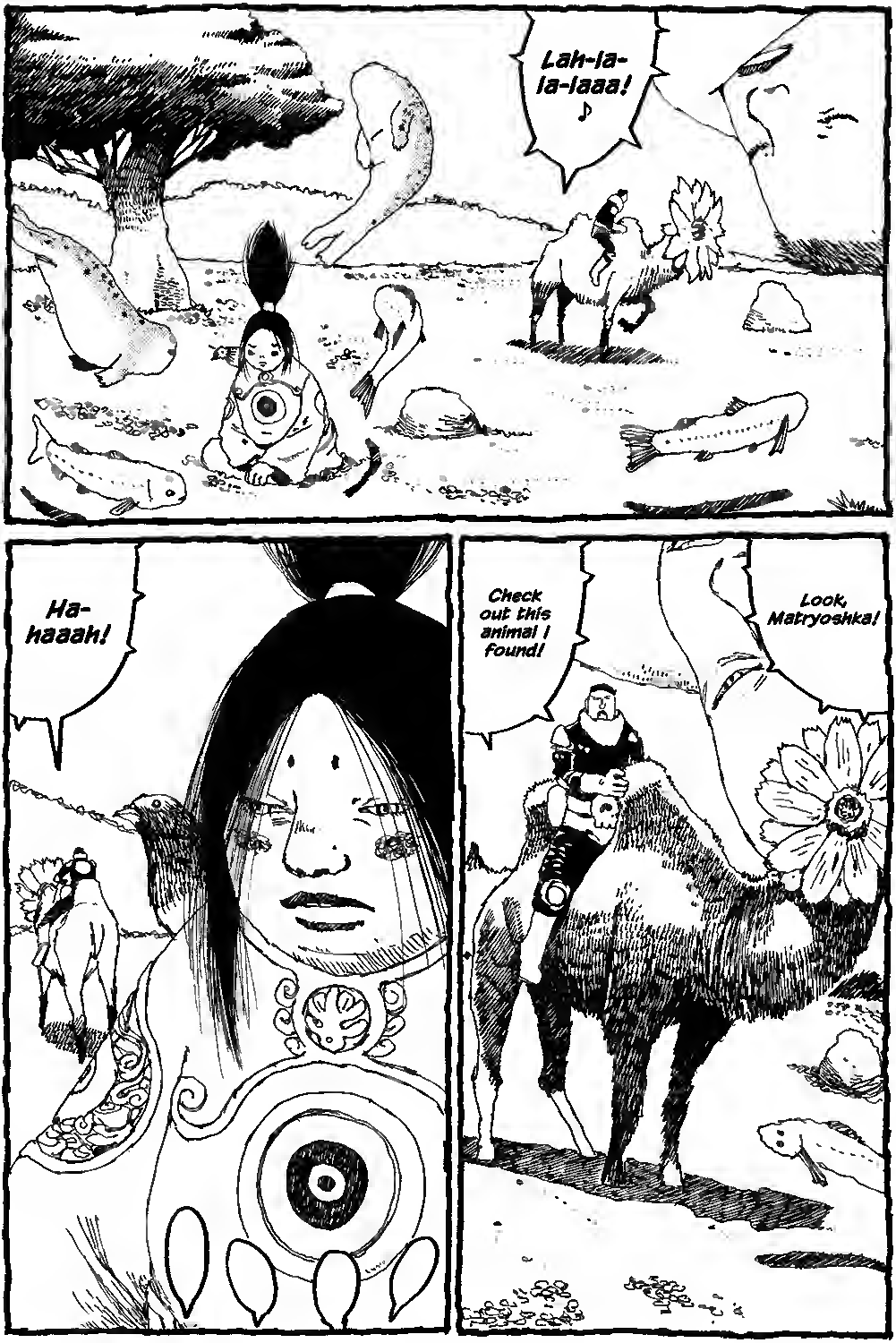

We weren't comforted by this, however, so much as we were stricken with awe.
Byuuuu
Boof
Krsh
Aye.
Is this really all right?
It seemed like his senses were sharpening with each passing day...
Let's take a break here.

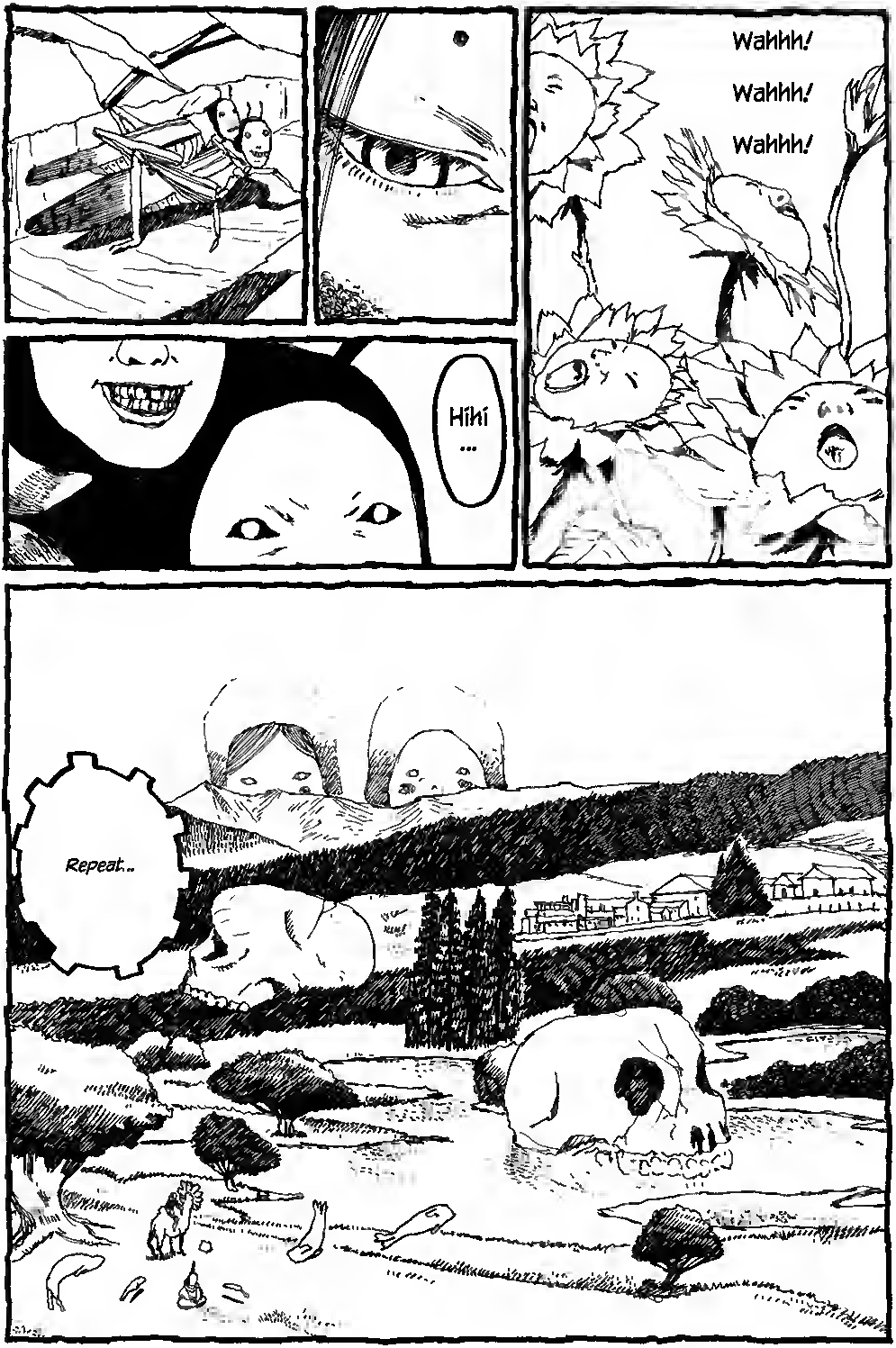
But ...
They are just beyond us, submerged in the world that Number Four has created.
...
Yuri has that woman accompanying him as well, would he really choose an escape route through such frigid territory?
Zzzzt
He is about 10km ahead of us.
There were no other paths for us but to follow this man.
Set up the TV.
Zzz zzz zt

ビョオオオ
By.....
He clearly intends on murdering us.
Viktor has come here to kill us.
6
Yes.
He's planning to rob us of all our power.
He's stopped as well.
オオオ
.....
Just as if he were Cygnus X-1*
ズ〃〃
The foulness of his nature has gotten stronger than when he was in the Rainbow Council.

*A Black Hole

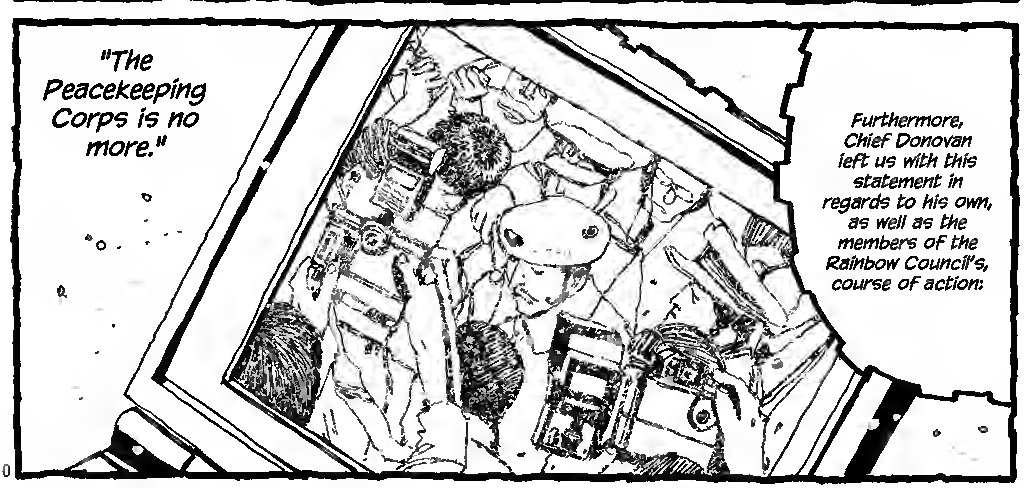

ビョオオオォ
BYOOOO
The decisive time is approaching.
We neither have time nor power on our side
Yes.

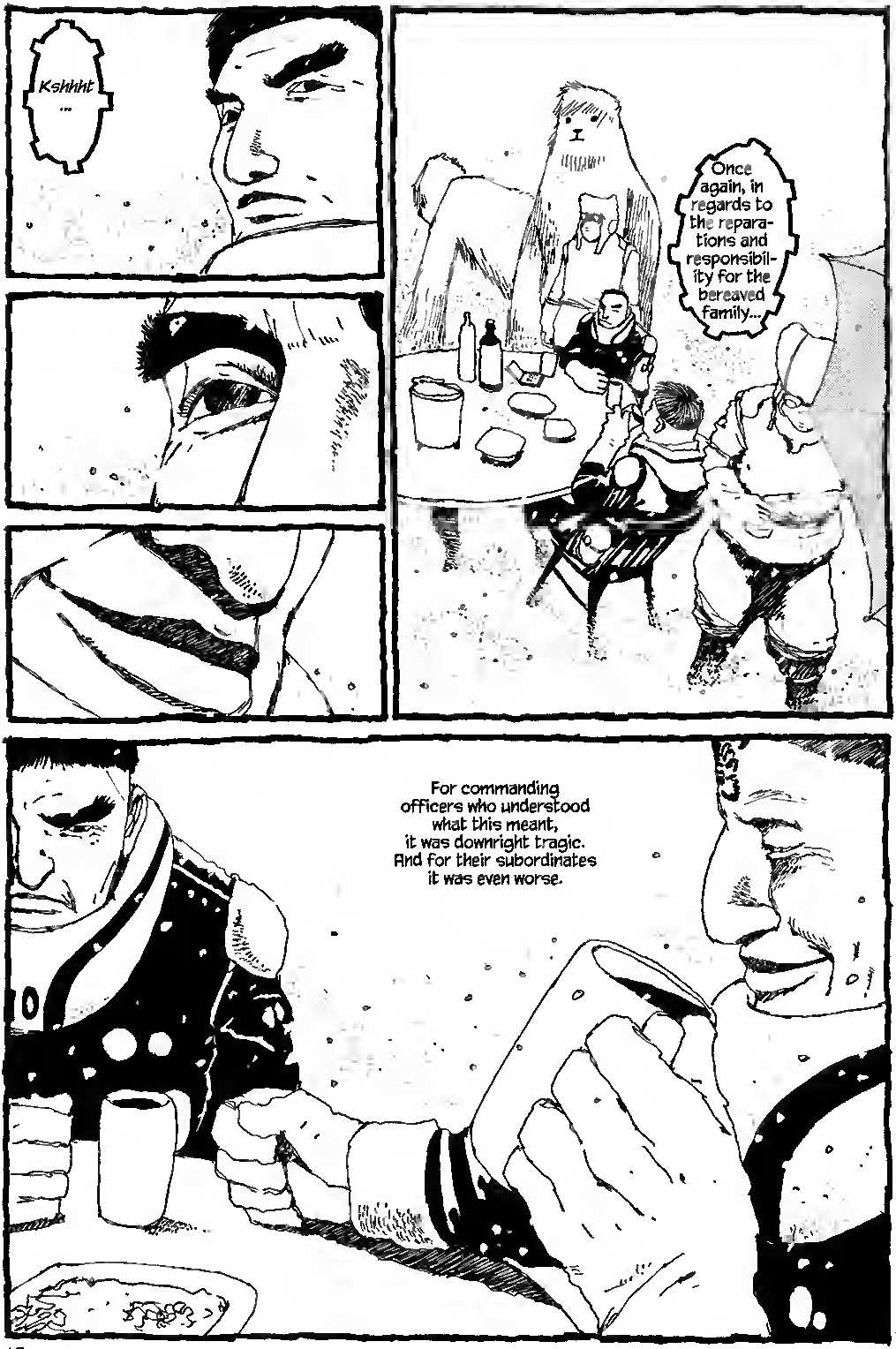

Lah-la-la-laaa! ♪
Ha-haaah!
Check out this animal I found!
Look, Matryoshka!


Wahhh!
Wahhh!
Wahhh!
Hihi ...
Repeat...

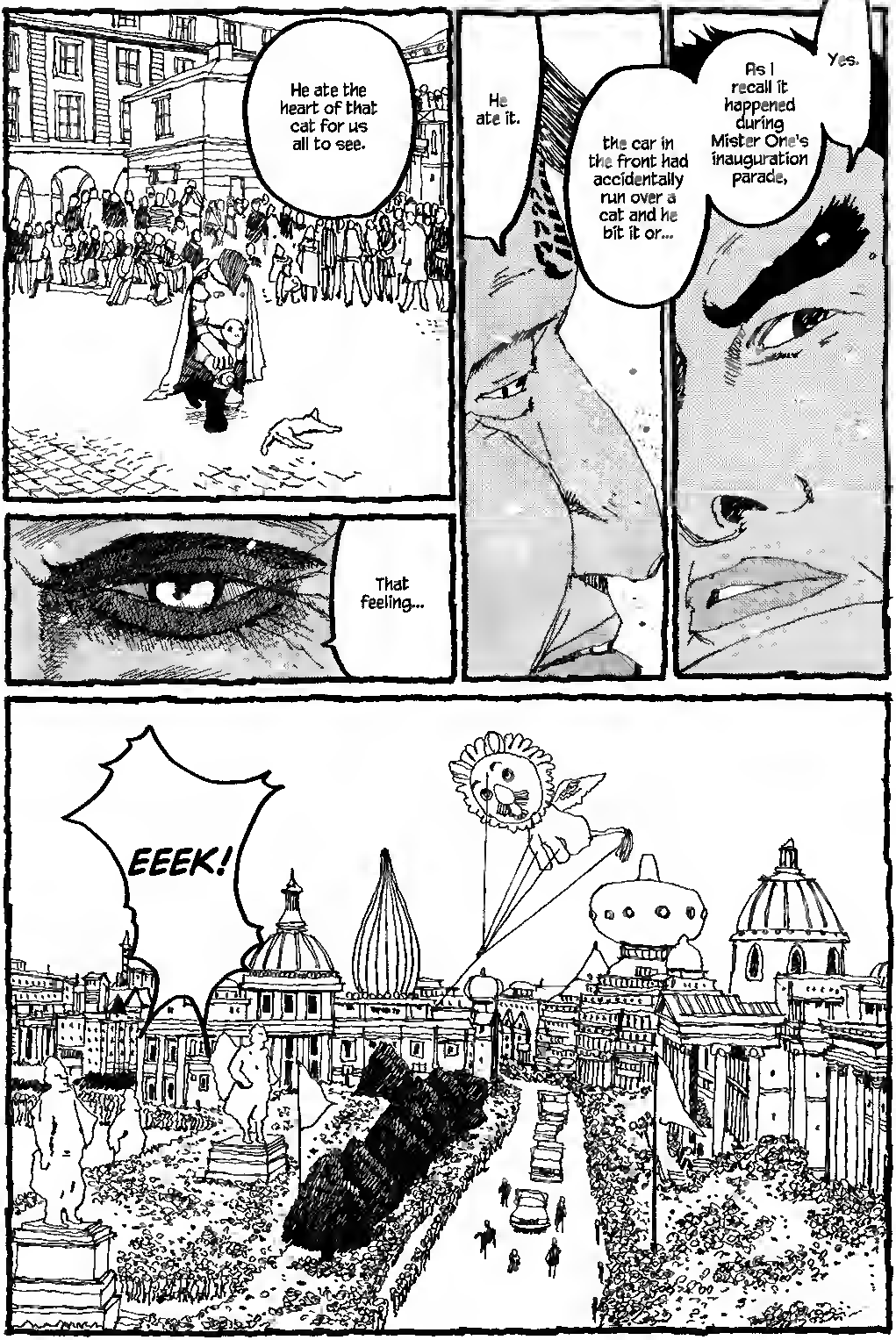
has announced the immediate dissolution of the Peace-keeping Corps, the Rainbow Council, as well as the organizations under it's control.
At the emergency meeting that happened at the top military headquarters just some time ago, Chief Donovan...

As for the reason, the chain of crimes committed by Number Five, a member of the same organization, as well the ineptitude of the Rainbow Council attempting to capture him have both escalated ...
But the main factor is believed to be the death of a innocent bystander, which finally occurred just days ago.
SONY


"The Peacekeeping Corps is no more."
Furthermore, Chief Donovan left us with this statement in regards to his own, as well as the members of the Rainbow Council's, course of action:


Kshhht
...
Once again, in regards to the reparations and responsibility for the bereaved family...
For commanding officers who understood what this meant, it was downright tragic. And for their subordinates it was even worse.
Cuss!

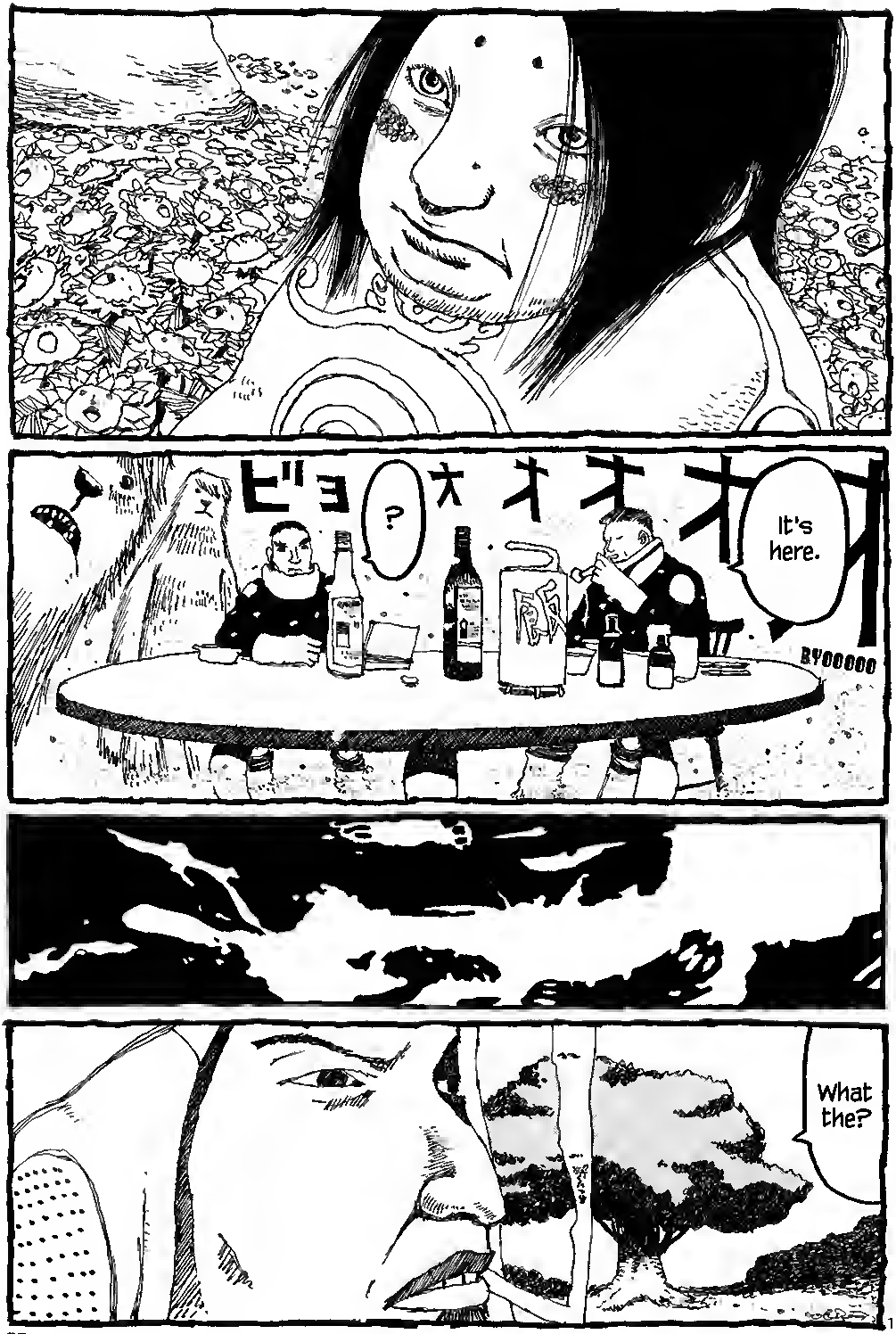
Once Yuri and I had even envied that madness and yet...
All the more so if that commanding officer was an excellent one.
!!
Do you recall when Number One ate that feline, Nazarov?
ビュウウウ BYUUUUU

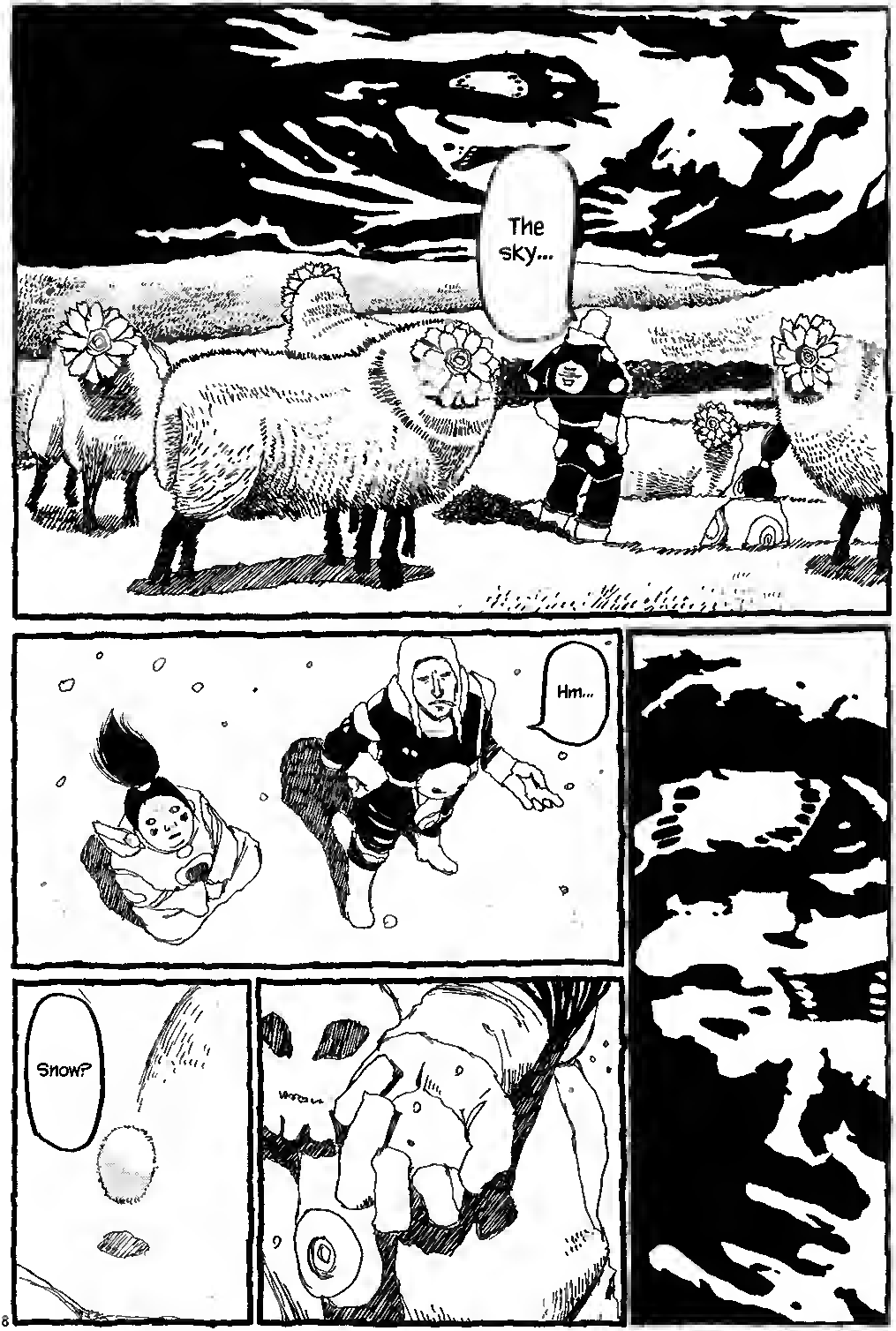

He ate the heart of that cat for us all to see.
He ate it.
the car in the front had accidentally run over a cat and he bit it or...
As I recall it happened during Mister One's inauguration parade,
Yes.
That feeling...
EEEK!

ビョオ
オオオ
The words to describe it probably still don't exist on this planet.
But regardless, the people who sympathized with what happened were all assimilated into him for a short period of time.
It sure wasn't *Unity*.
It was an overwhelming power that was altogether on a differing level than the ability to influence or inspire.

You could say his existence is a miracle.
But I will deny that miracle with all of my body and soul
This man,
is ill.
I shall muster up all of my rancor inside me and stop him.
This bill... kshhhht kshk kshk... above which kshht...

Kshh kshhhh ...
Zzzzt...
CAAA WW!
Hm!

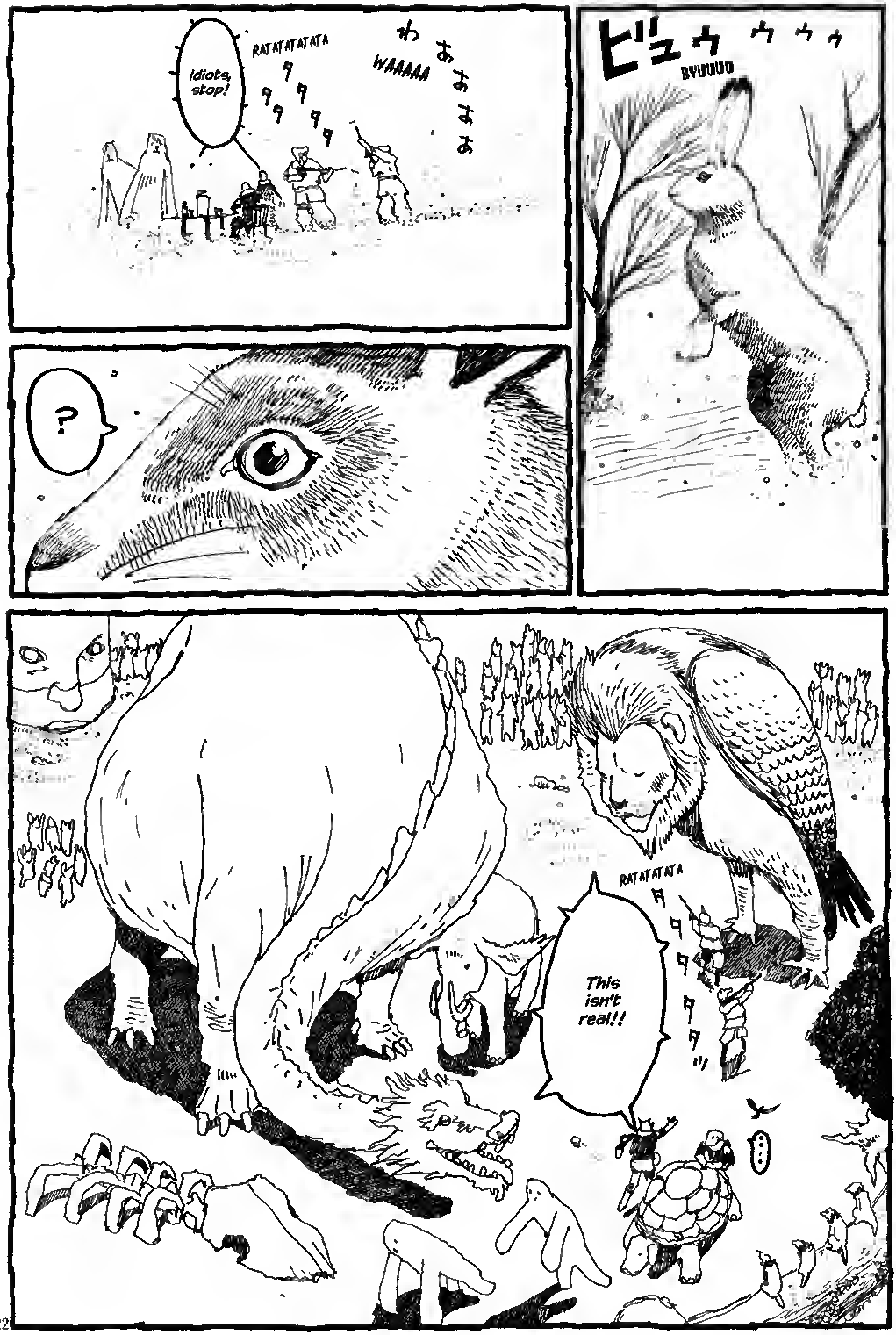

ビョ
?
オオオオ
It's here.
BYOOOOO
What the?

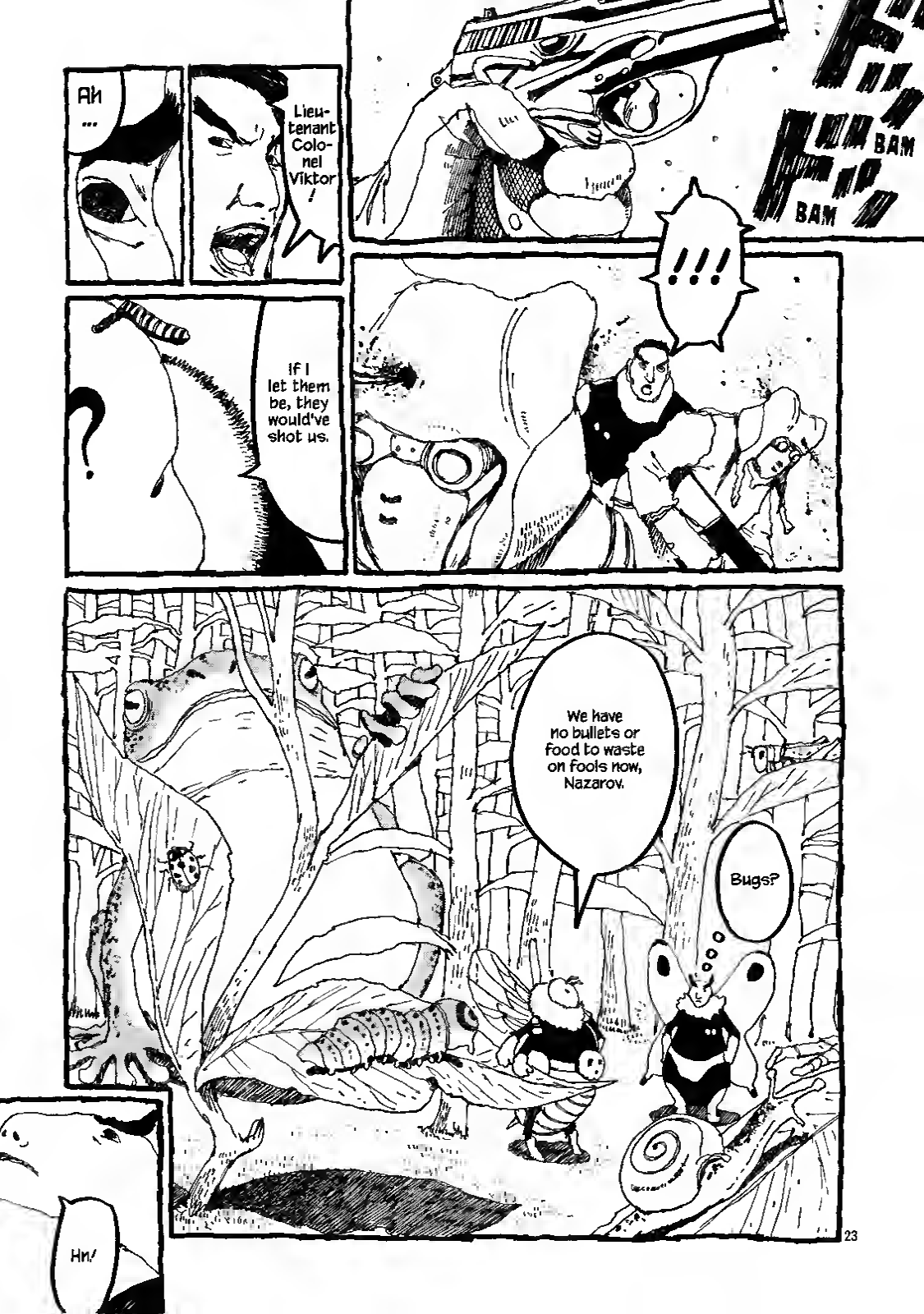

The sky...
Hm...
Snow?

Gwah!
Four's handiwork again.
Dammit.
GOD DAMN IT!!

The blizzard stopped.
It hasn't stopped.
...
Be on your guard.
Ah...?
What?
Erk!
This is Number Four's last-ditch effort

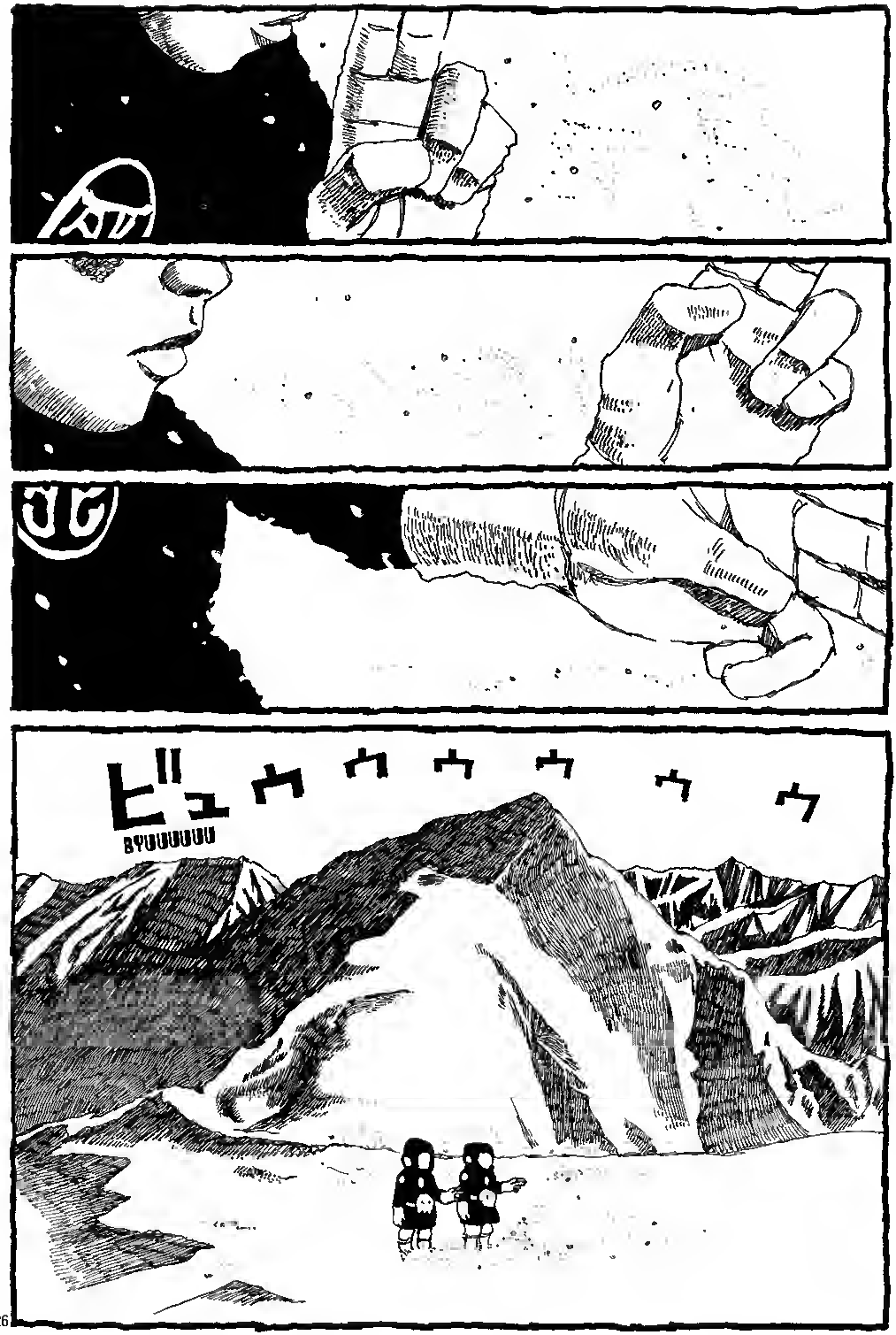
WAH
!?
Haha...
ガッ

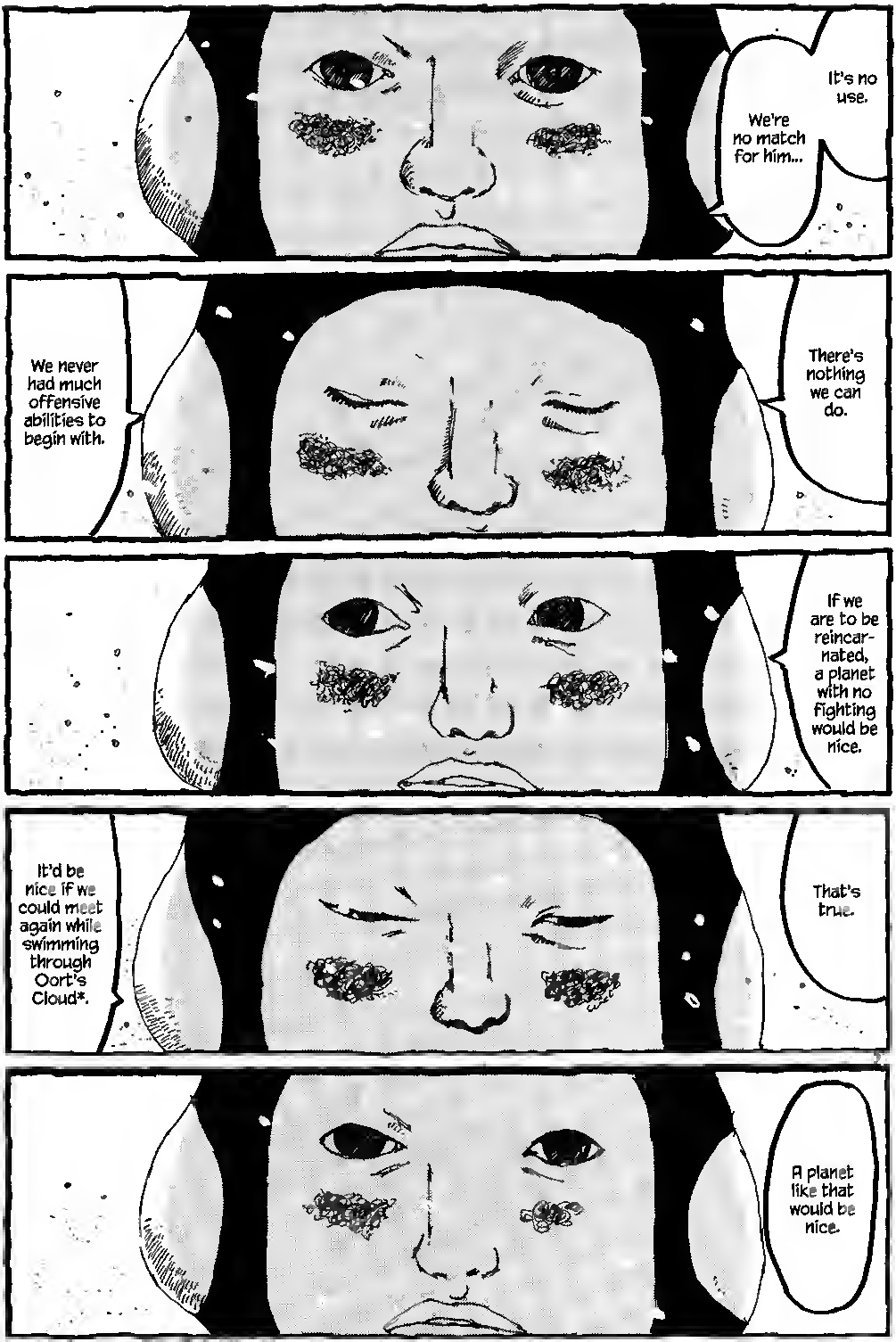

Idiots, stop!
RATATATATATA
わあああ
WAAAAA
ヒュウウウ
BYUUUU
?
RATATATATA
This isn't real!!


Ah ...
Lieutenant Colonel Viktor!
BAM
BAM
!!!
If I let them be, they would've shot us.
?
We have no bullets or food to waste on fools now, Nazarov.
Bugs?
Hn!

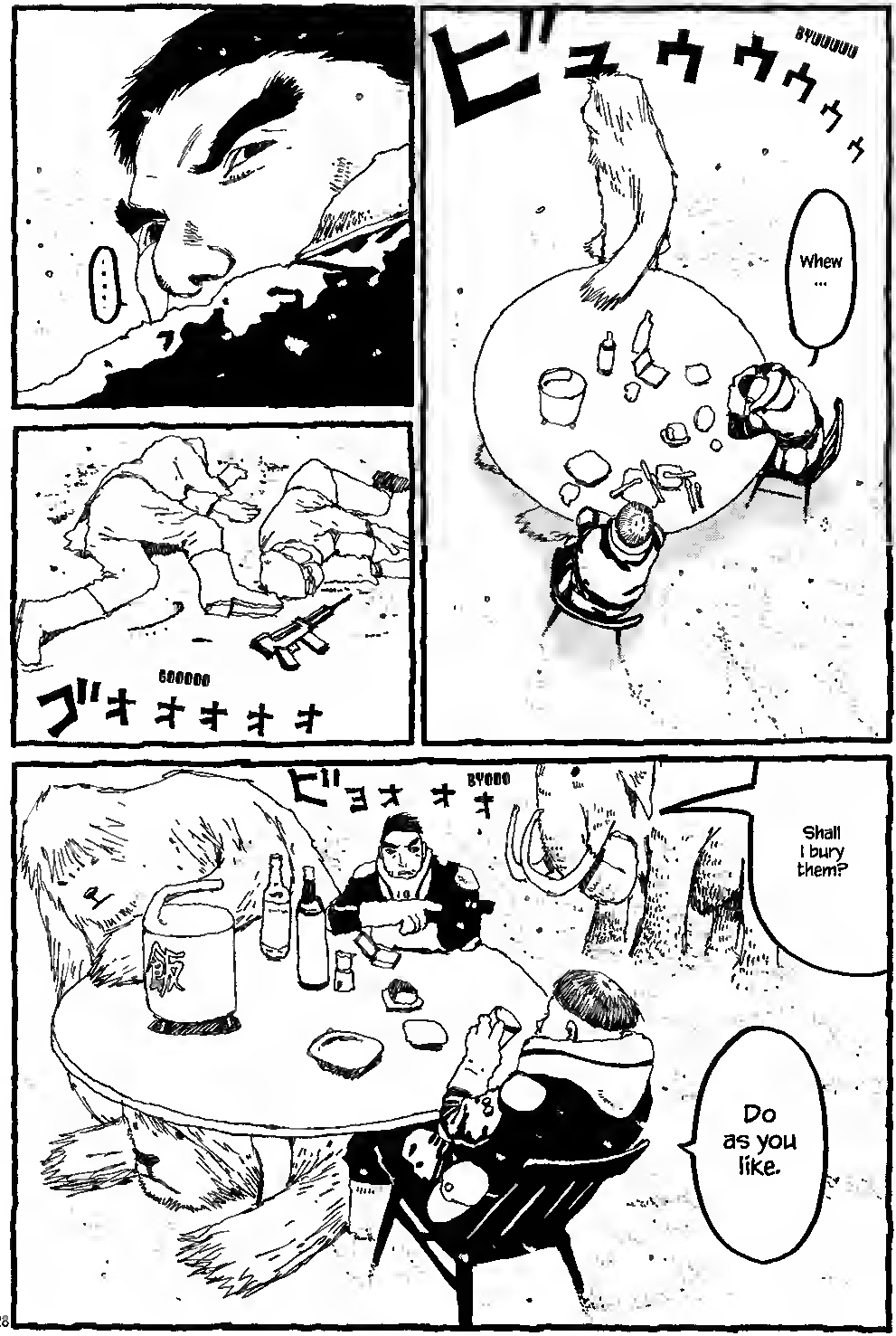
Stop this, Number Four.
OGYAAAAA
GA AH!
Hmph
Eep!
GOOO
Please don't think you can chase me off with these childish tricks.

Your false pain is nothing to cower from
Your worlds are nothing but make-believe
Yours is nothing compared to that of Number One's

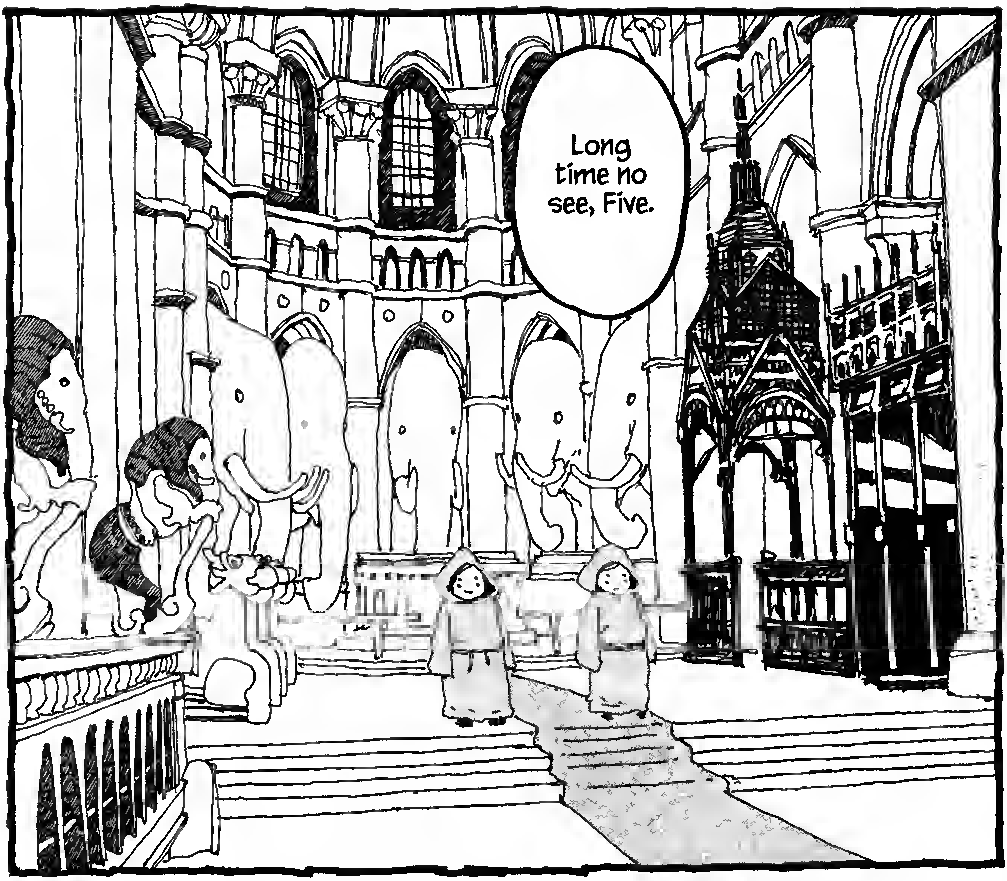

ビュウウウウウウウ


It's no use.
We're no match for him...
There's nothing we can do.
We never had much offensive abilities to begin with.
If we are to be reincarnated, a planet with no fighting would be nice.
That's true.
It'd be nice if we could meet again while swimming through Oort's Cloud*.
A planet like that would be nice.

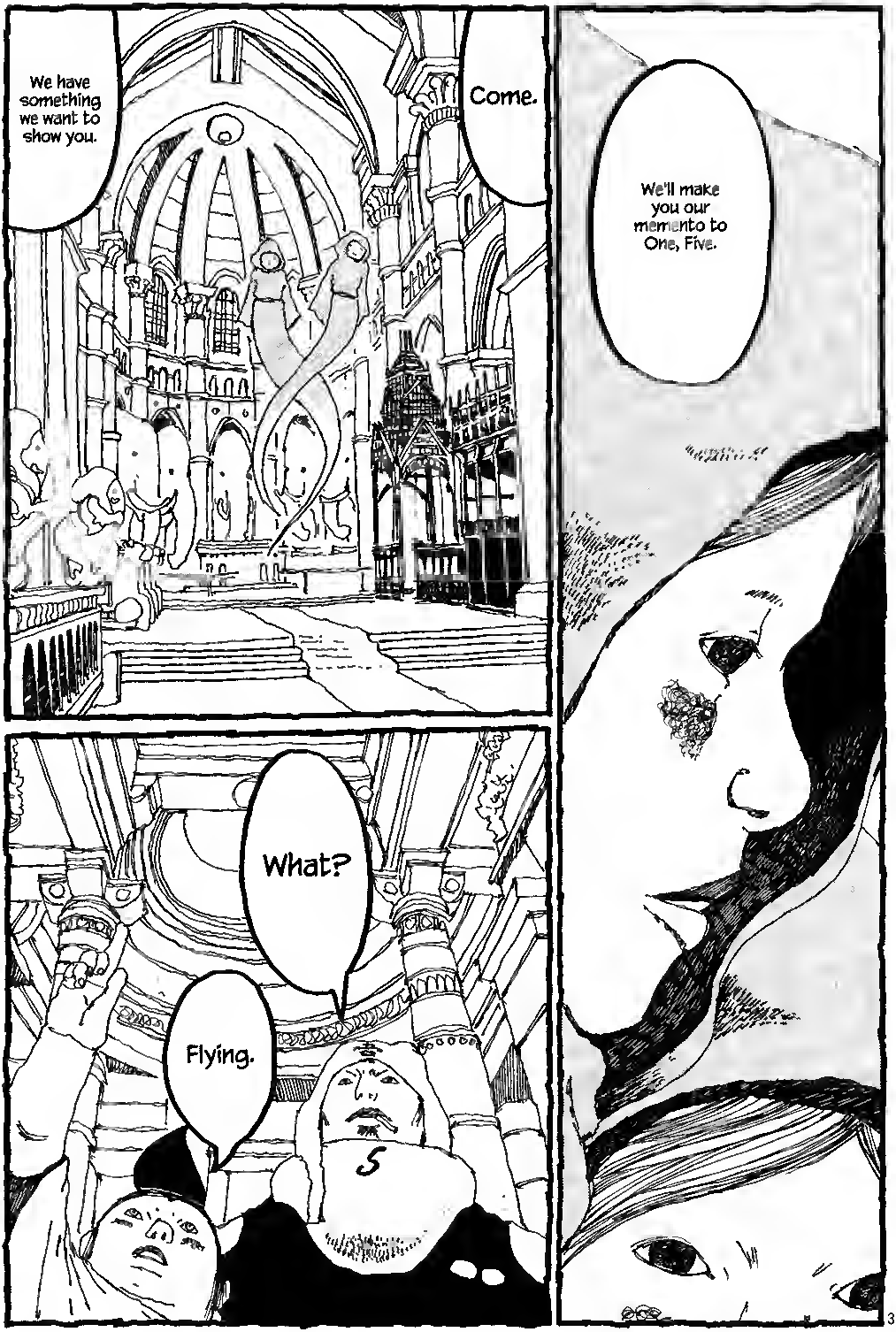
* A place some call the "Nest of Comets"


ビュウウウウ
BYUUUUU
Whew ...
ゴオオオオオ
GOOOOO
ビョオオオ
BYOOO
飯
Shall I bury them?
Do as you like.

Hm!?
吾
clack
Hi there.
What is it this time?


Long time no see, Five.

I'm tired.
How long are we going to keep repeating this pipe-dream Four?
Two of them.


We have something we want to show you.
Come.
We'll make you our memento to One, Five.
What?
Flying.
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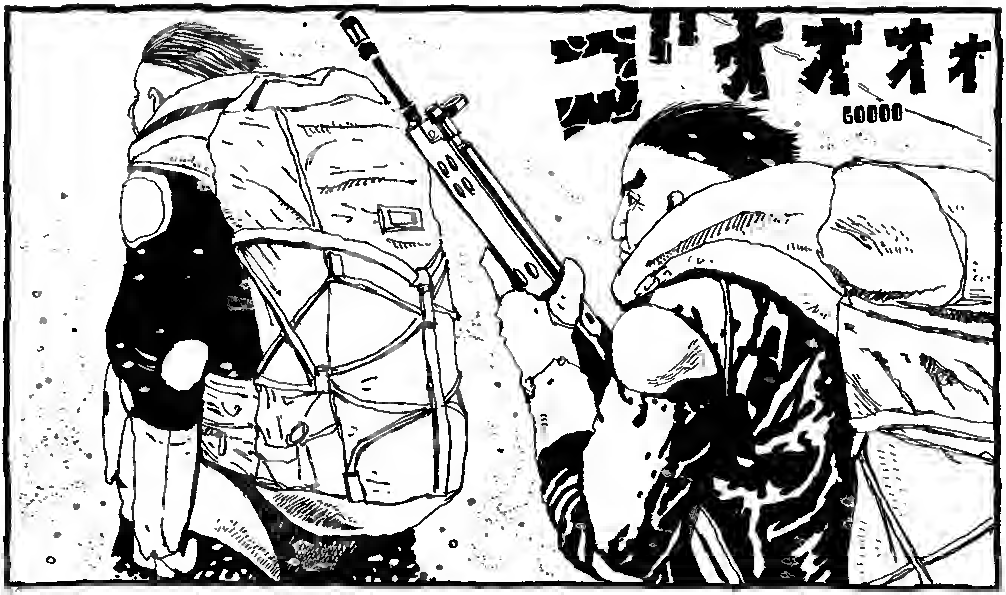

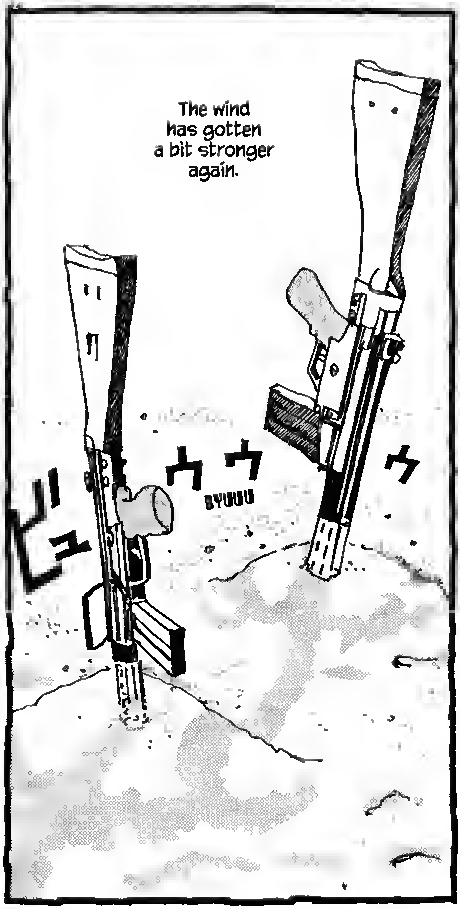

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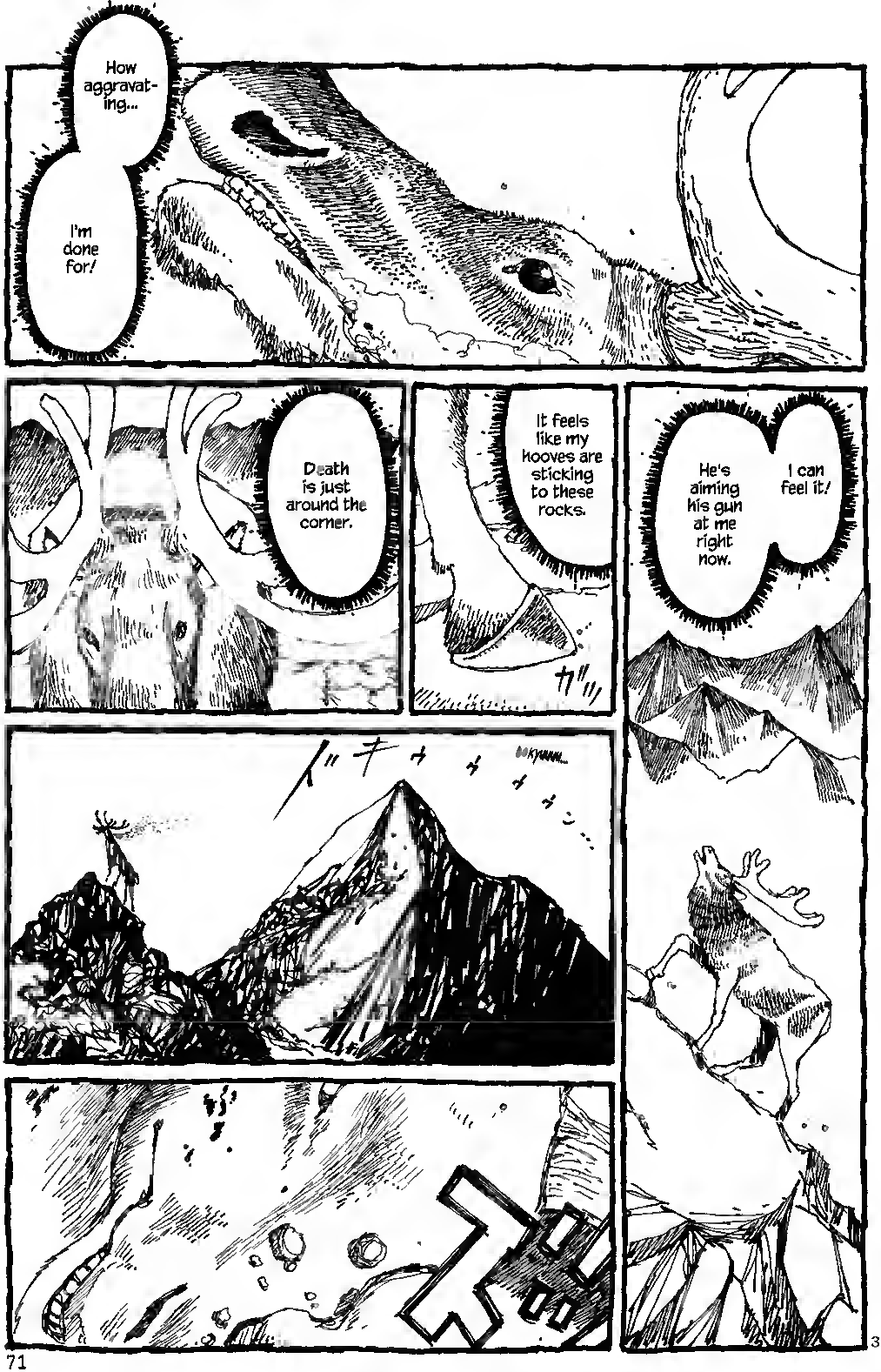
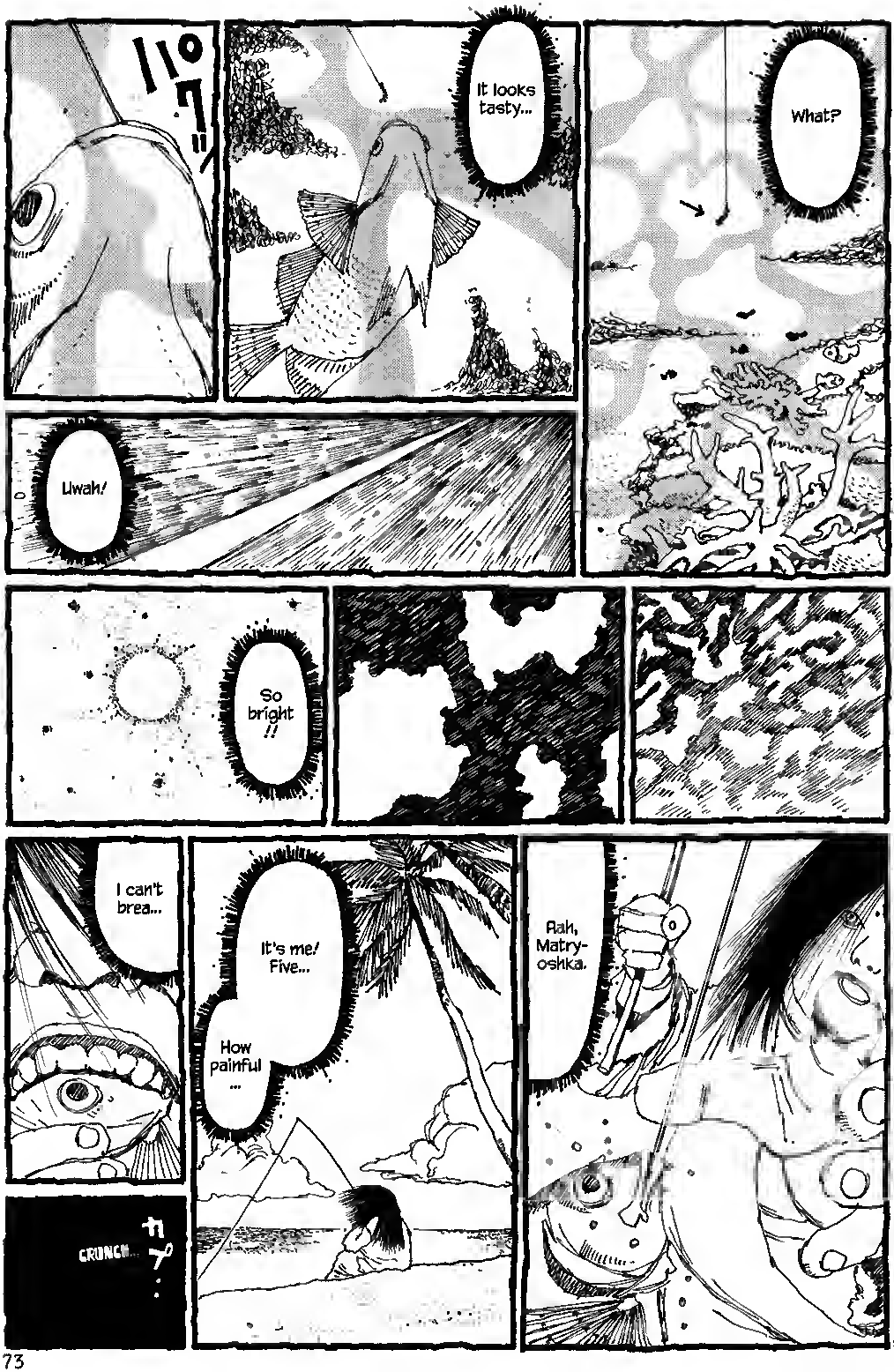
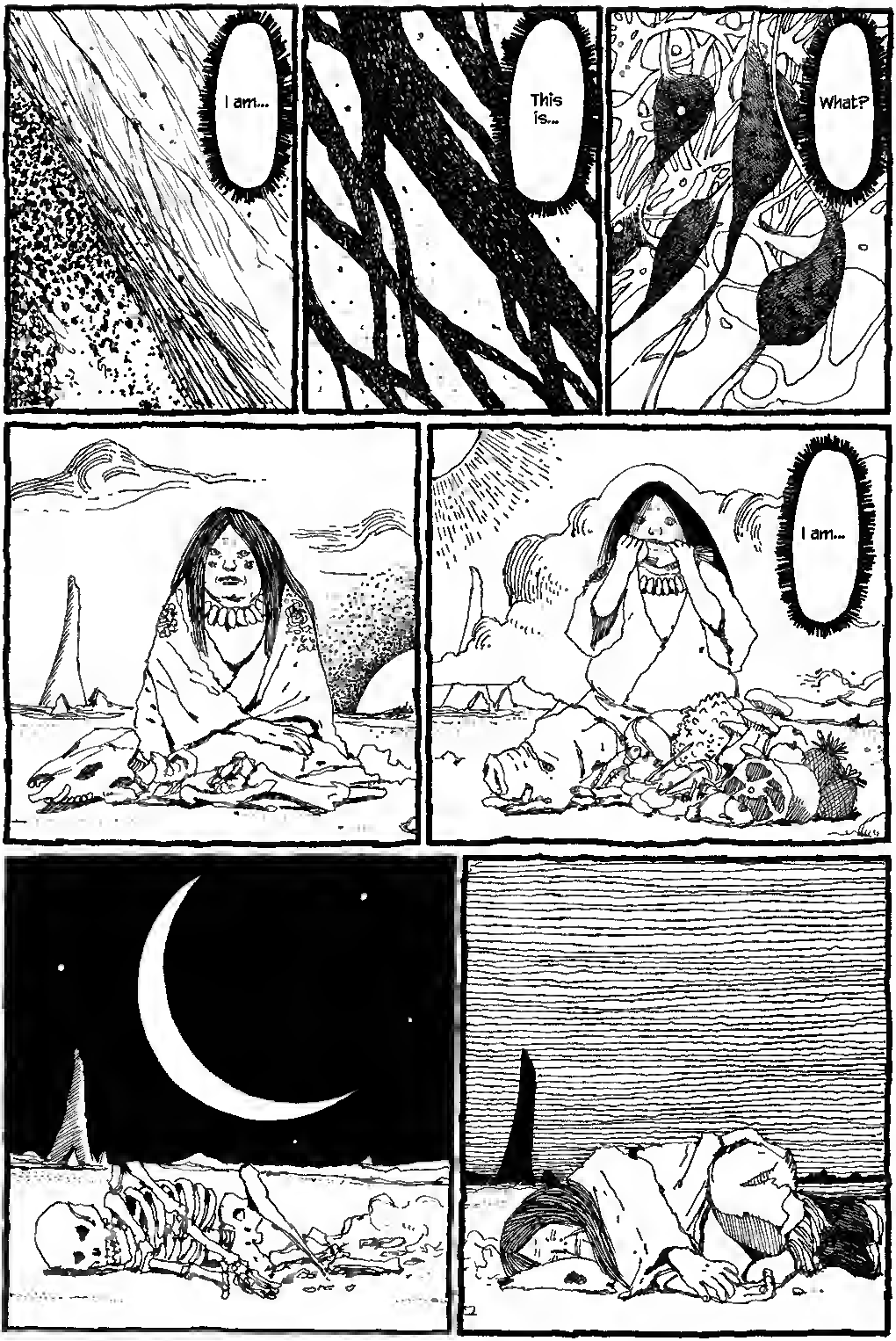

How aggravating...
I'm done for!
Death is just around the corner.
It feels like my hooves are sticking to these rocks.
He's aiming his gun at me right now.
I can feel it!
Kyuuu...

That this man...
I knew this.
A man is climbing up.
was actually me.
I had returned it's warm blood back to the earth. I was not this beast.
I had just shot and killed this buck.
Both of them are you. Ufufufufu♡


It looks tasty...
What?
Uwah!
So bright !!
I can't brea...
It's me! Five...
How painful ...
GRUNCH...
Aah, Matry-oshka.


I am...
This is...
What?
I am...
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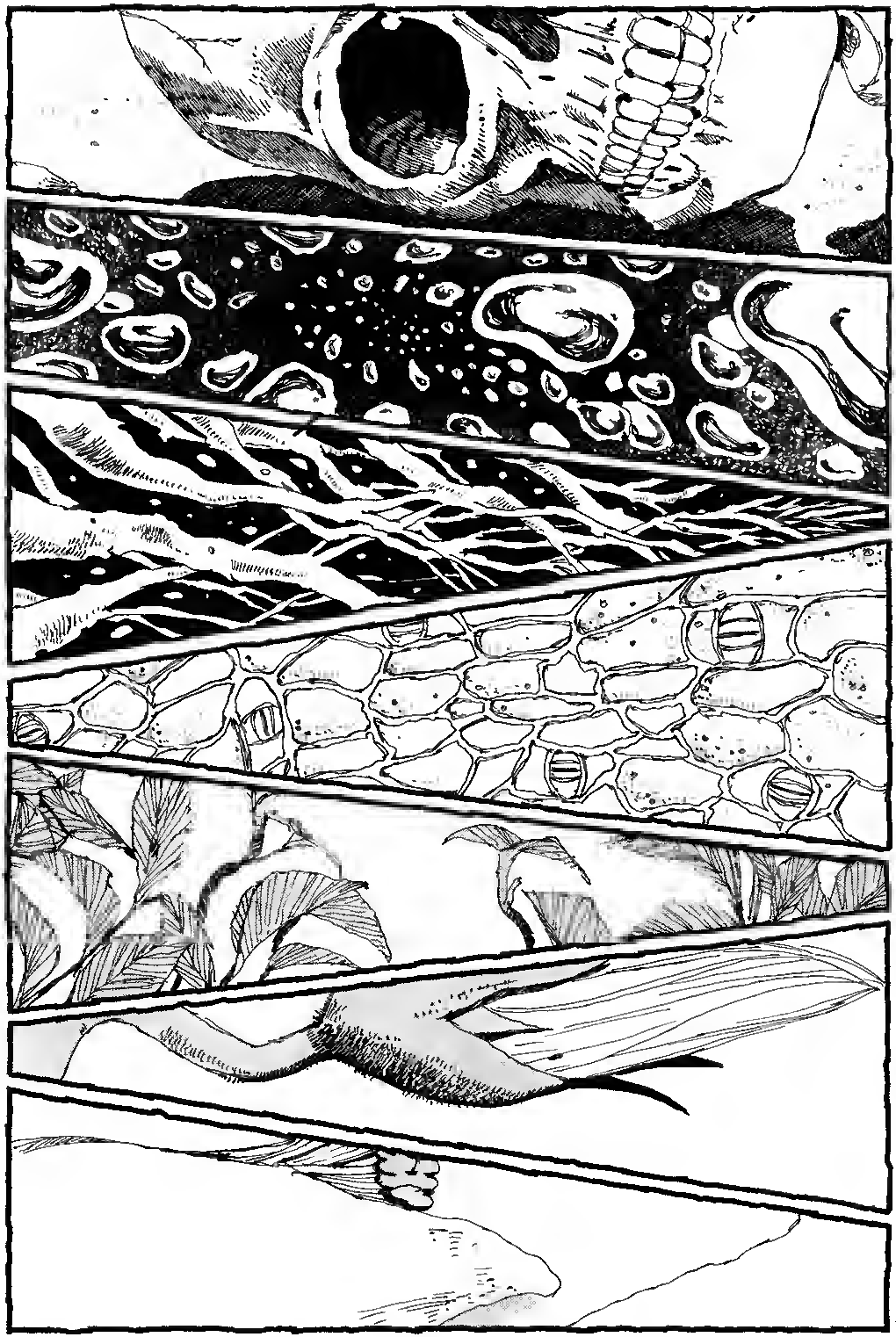
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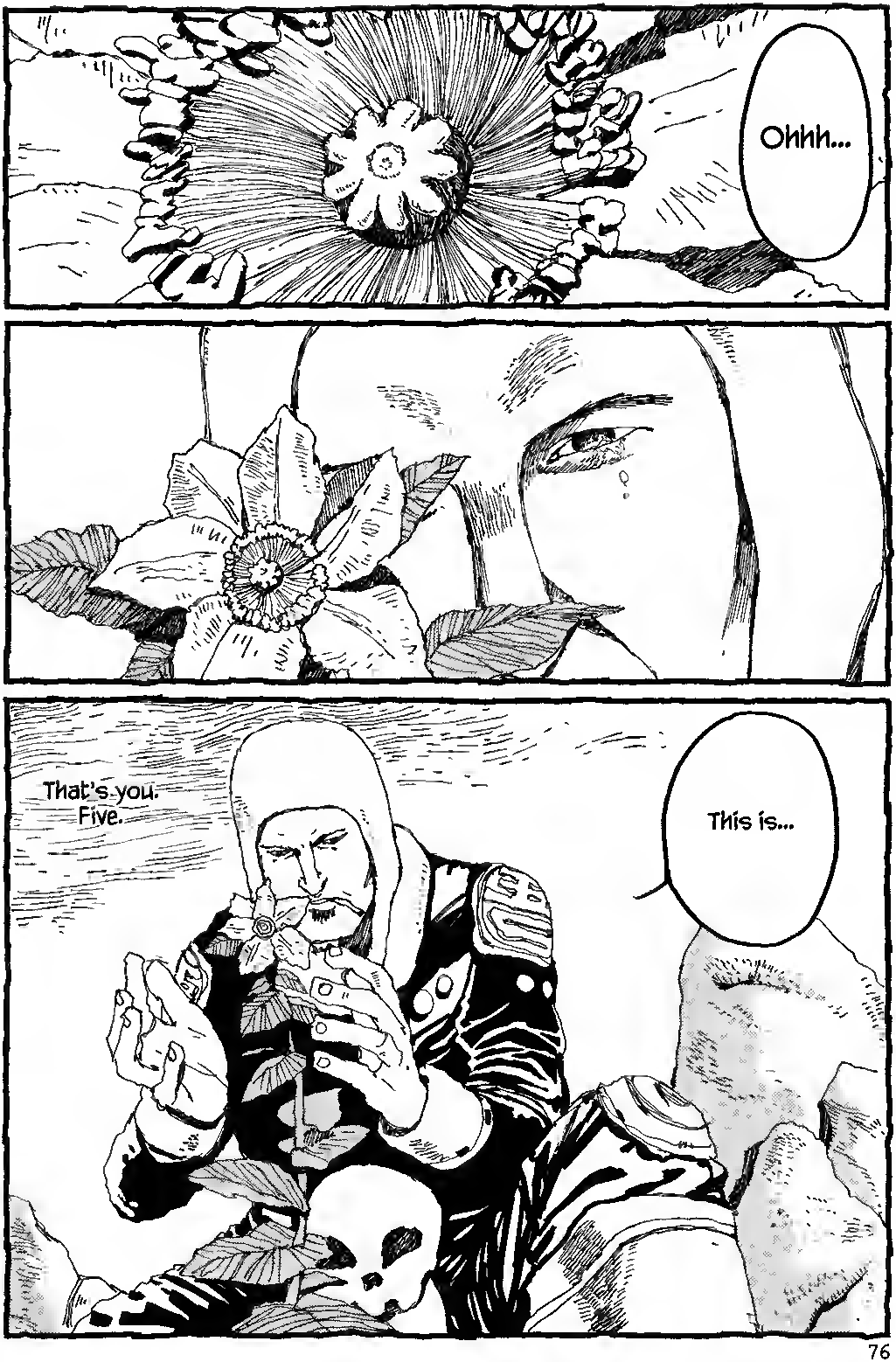
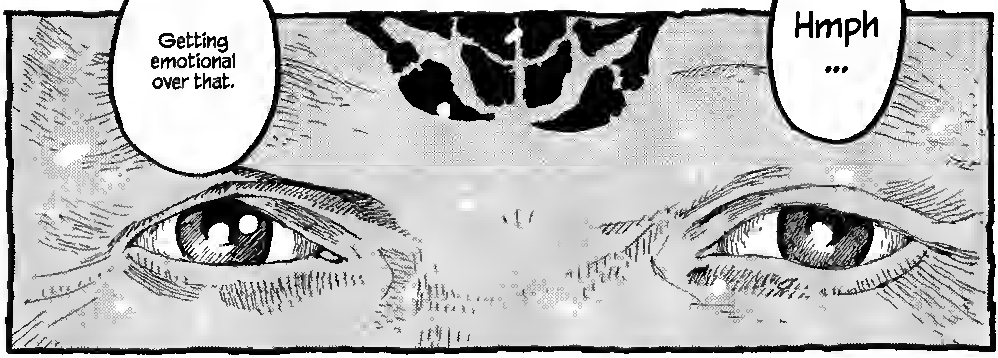

Ohhh...
That's you. Five.
This is...

The deer that was shot, the man who shot it, and the fish that was caught too...
And, that is Matroshka as well.
and death.
Even life...
Every-thing is one.
The woman who ate it, the flower that bloomed, and you, gazing at it, as well.
See, take a look, Five.

We are all but one with that blue planet over there.

Isn't that a simply marvelous thought?


Getting emotional over that.
Hmph ...

What?

Prepare the MX-Jaguar G.

We'll take aim from here.

He's just like how he was in the old days, being influenced by even the slightest thing.
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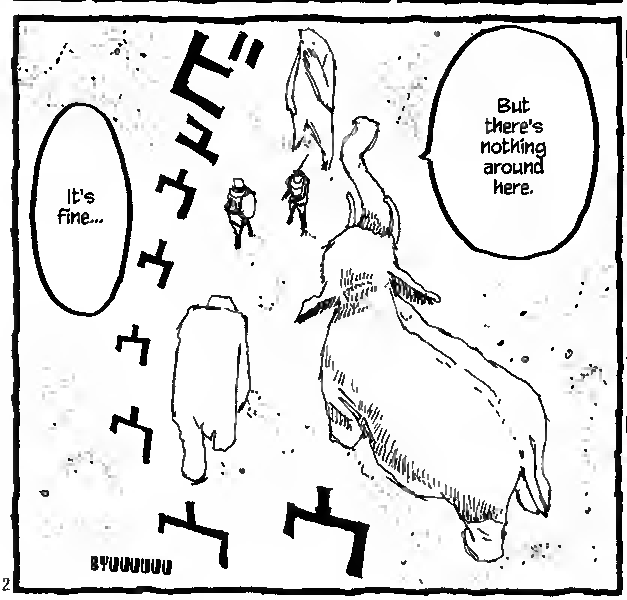
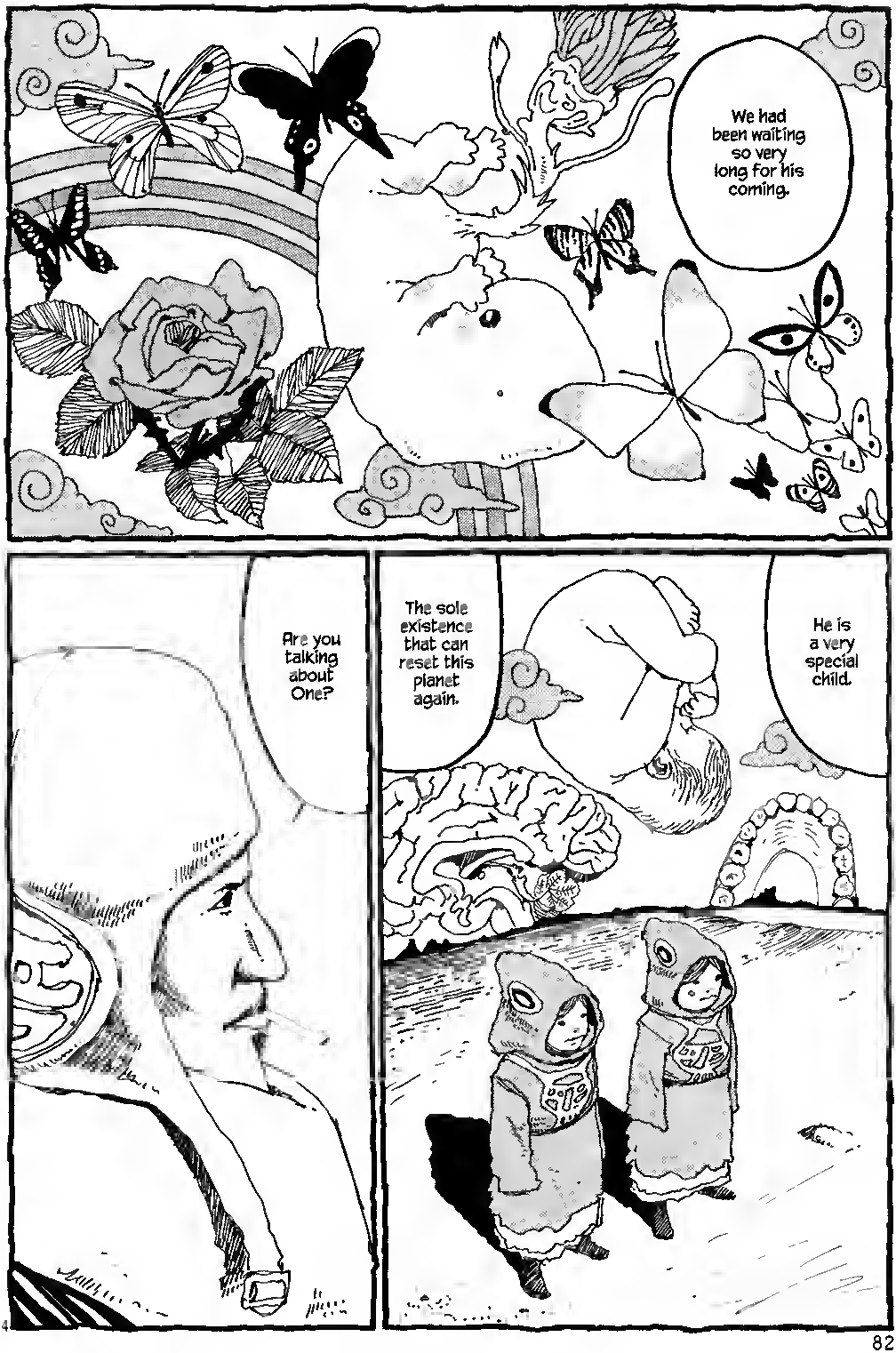
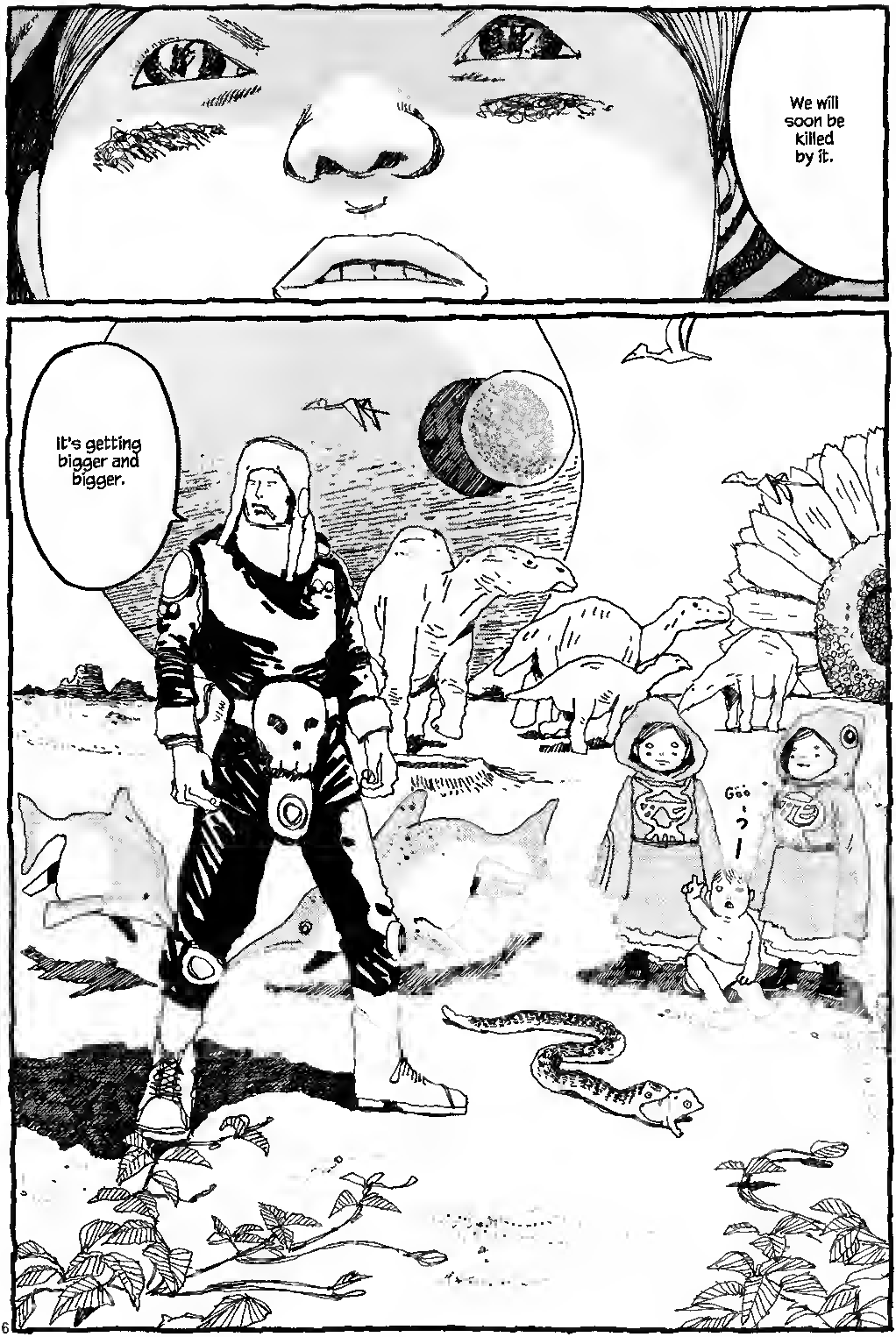

But there's nothing around here.
It's fine...
BYUUUUUU

Chk...
Chk...
Fufu.
Ksht
I can sense your strong resentment, Number One.
You must hate me for coming all the way out here chasing the ones that you hold so dear...

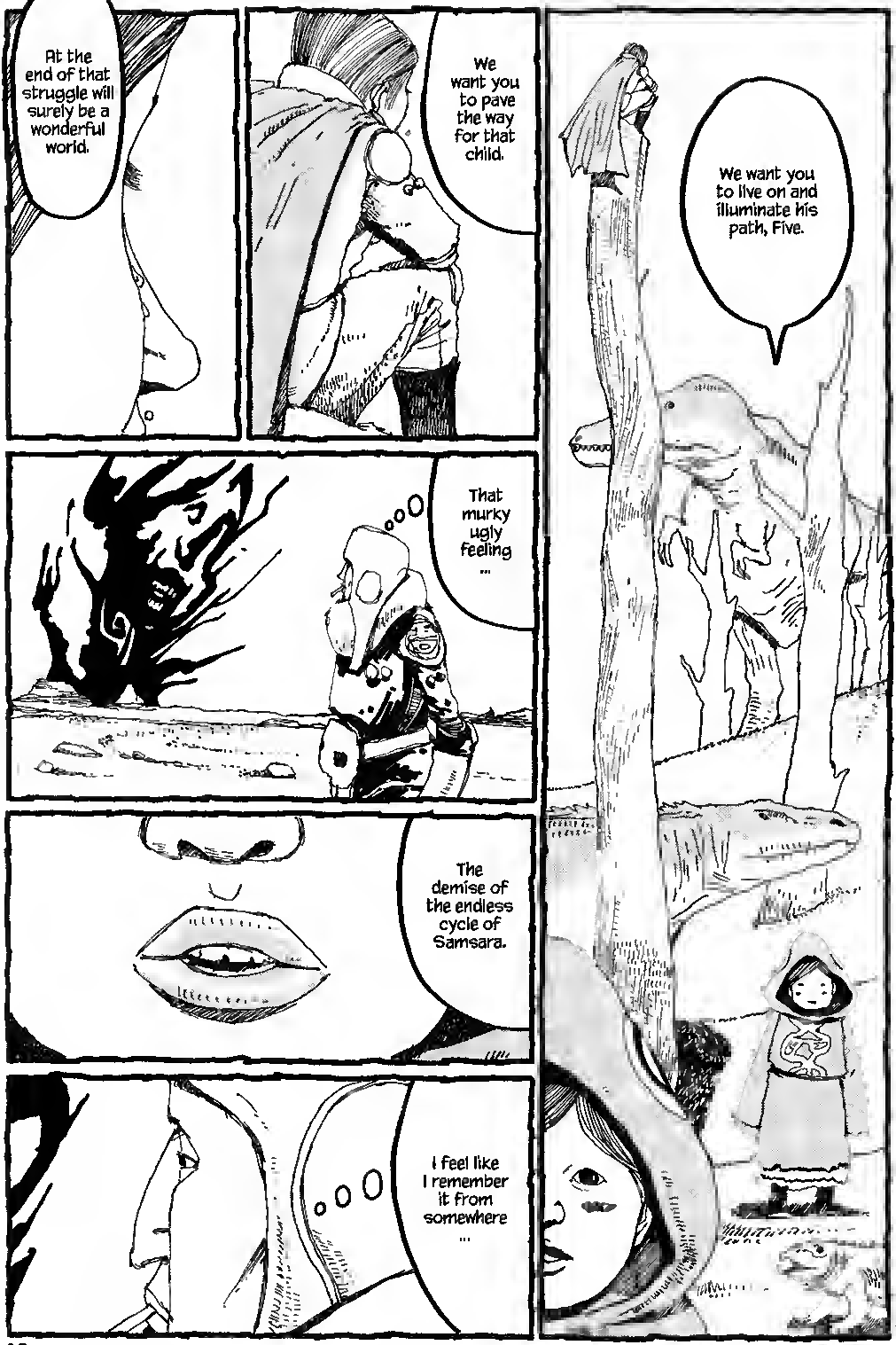

We had been waiting so very long for his coming.
Are you talking about One?
The sole existence that can reset this planet again.
He is a very special child.

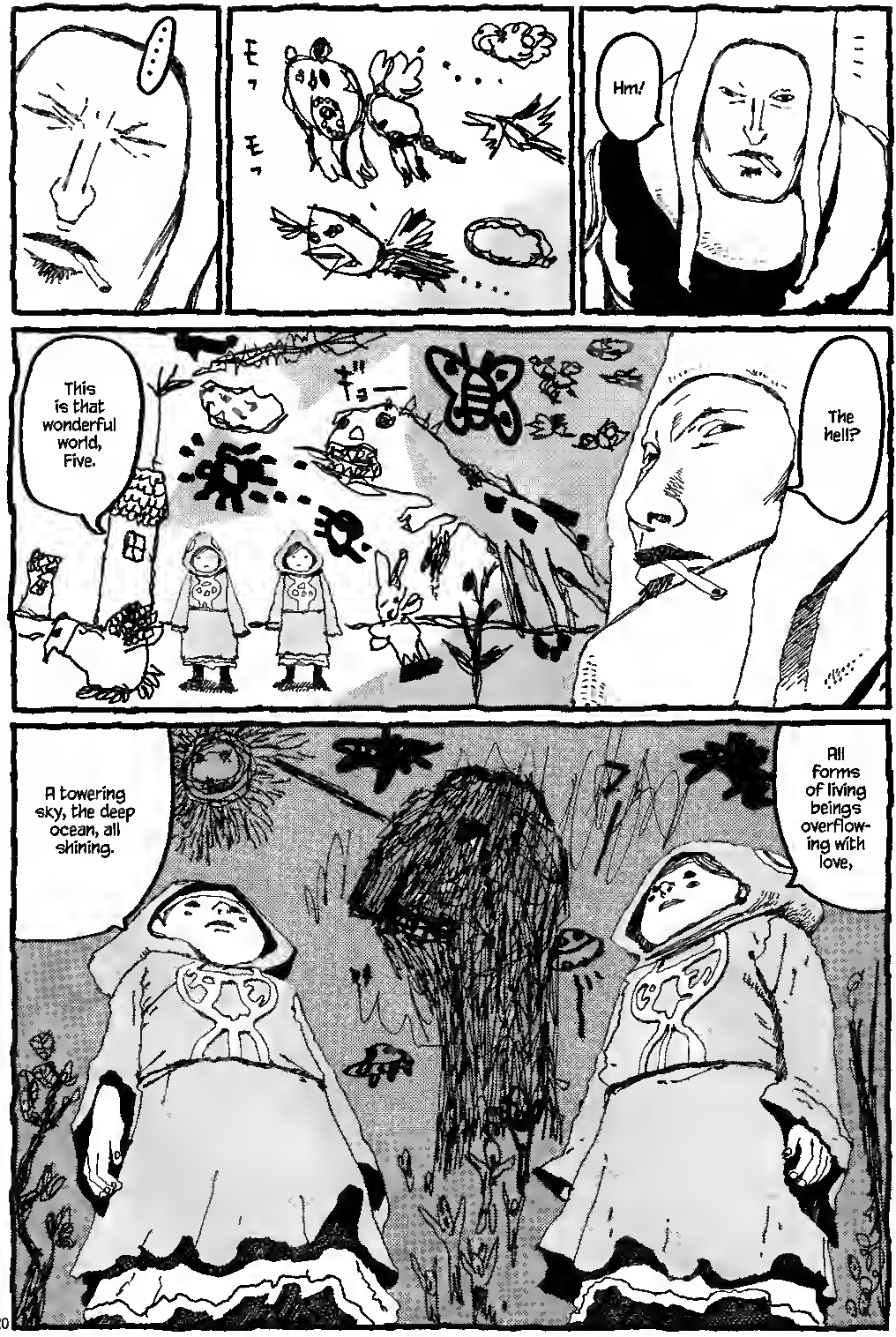
His sorrow will grow even deeper once we leave.
For so long, always...
This child has languished in the depths of sorrow for oh so very long.
What the hell is that?
Hm.
Nobody can stop it from growing.
We have no time to be concerned with that now.
Wickedness.


We will soon be killed by it.
It's getting bigger and bigger.
Gee-?!

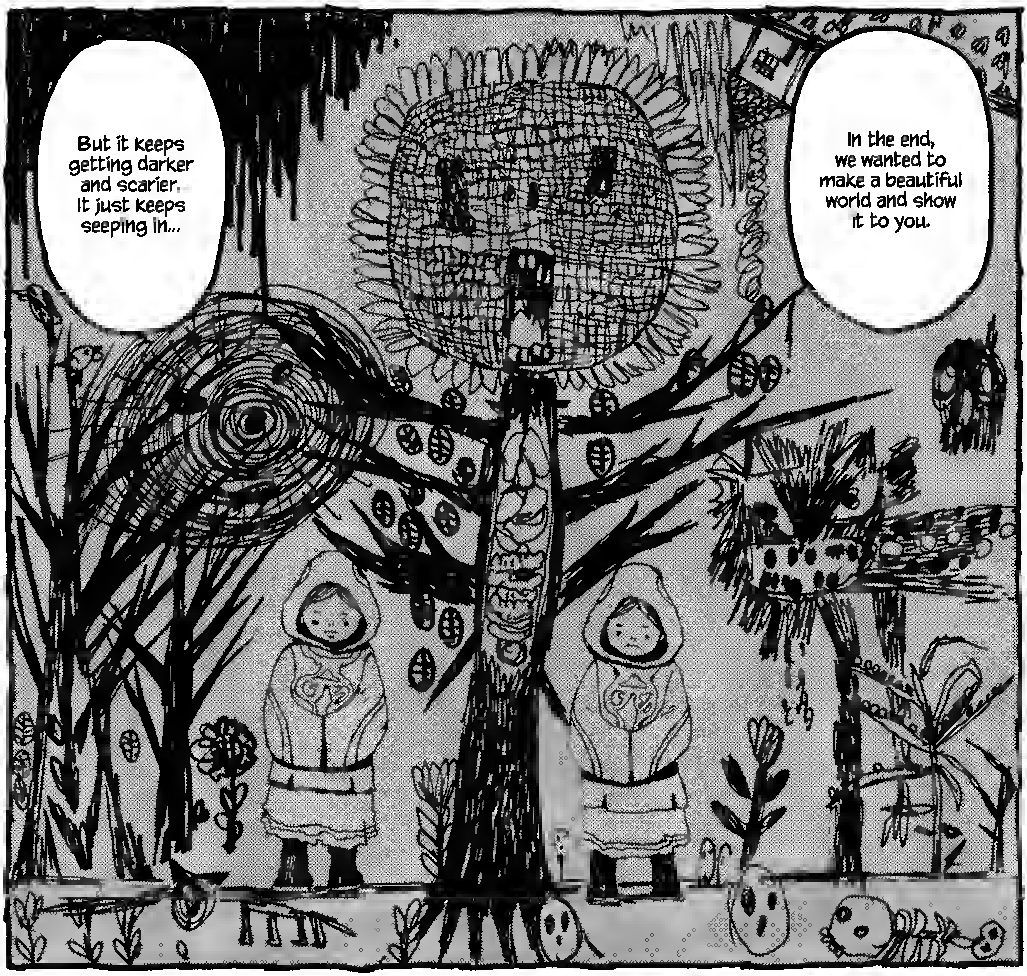
I shall show you marksmanship with no need for sight.
ゴオオオ
BOOOO
I won't be needing this, Nazarov.
Would it be all right if I asked you something?
Yuri and I are the only ones on the planet who are capable of this.
10
BYUUUUU
An answer does not always lie after a question.
Don't use your head too much, Nazarov.
オオオ
BYUUUU
As well as?
Go ahead.
That as well.
Our duty is to assassinate only Yuri, is it not?
ボオオオ
BOOOO

ニュ
Anyways, observe well the three shots I'm about to take.
ゴオオオオ
RYUUUU
It will surpass even that which is art.
オオオオ
It will even change the flow of this planet


At the end of that struggle will surely be a wonderful world.
We want you to pave the way for that child.
We want you to live on and illuminate his path, Five.
That murky ugly feeling ...
The demise of the endless cycle of Samsara.
I feel like I remember it from somewhere ...


Hm!
The hell?
This is that wonderful world, Five.
All forms of living beings overflowing with love,
A towering sky, the deep ocean, all shining.

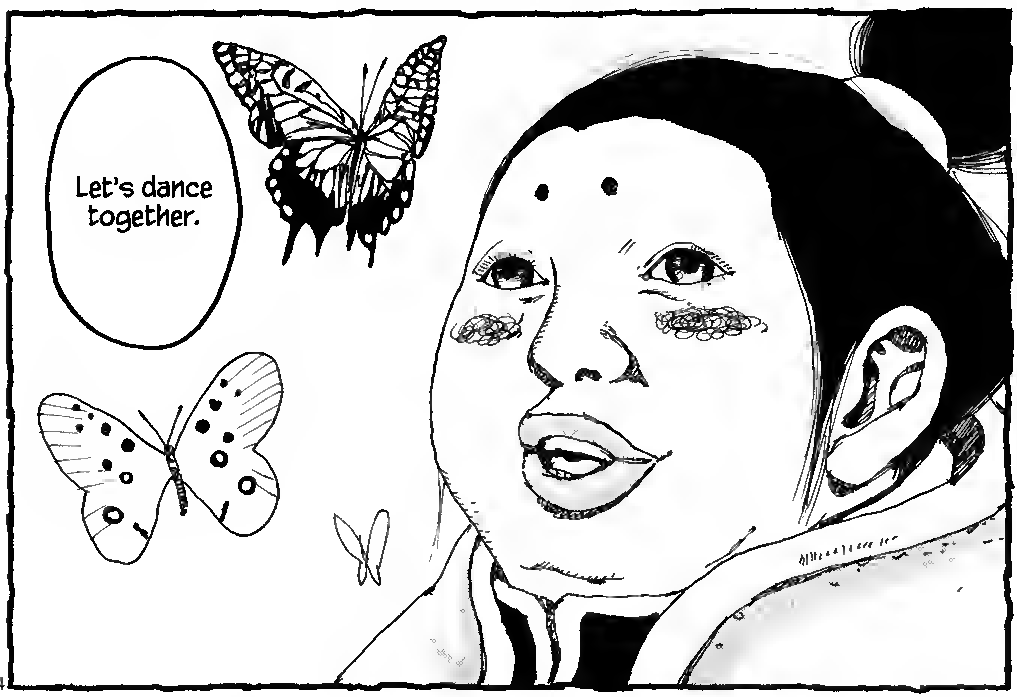
The unfading smiles on children's faces.
The peaceful and tranquil breathing of animals as they sleep.
The plants that grow back strong from the sun.
...
It's no good...
We just can't do it.

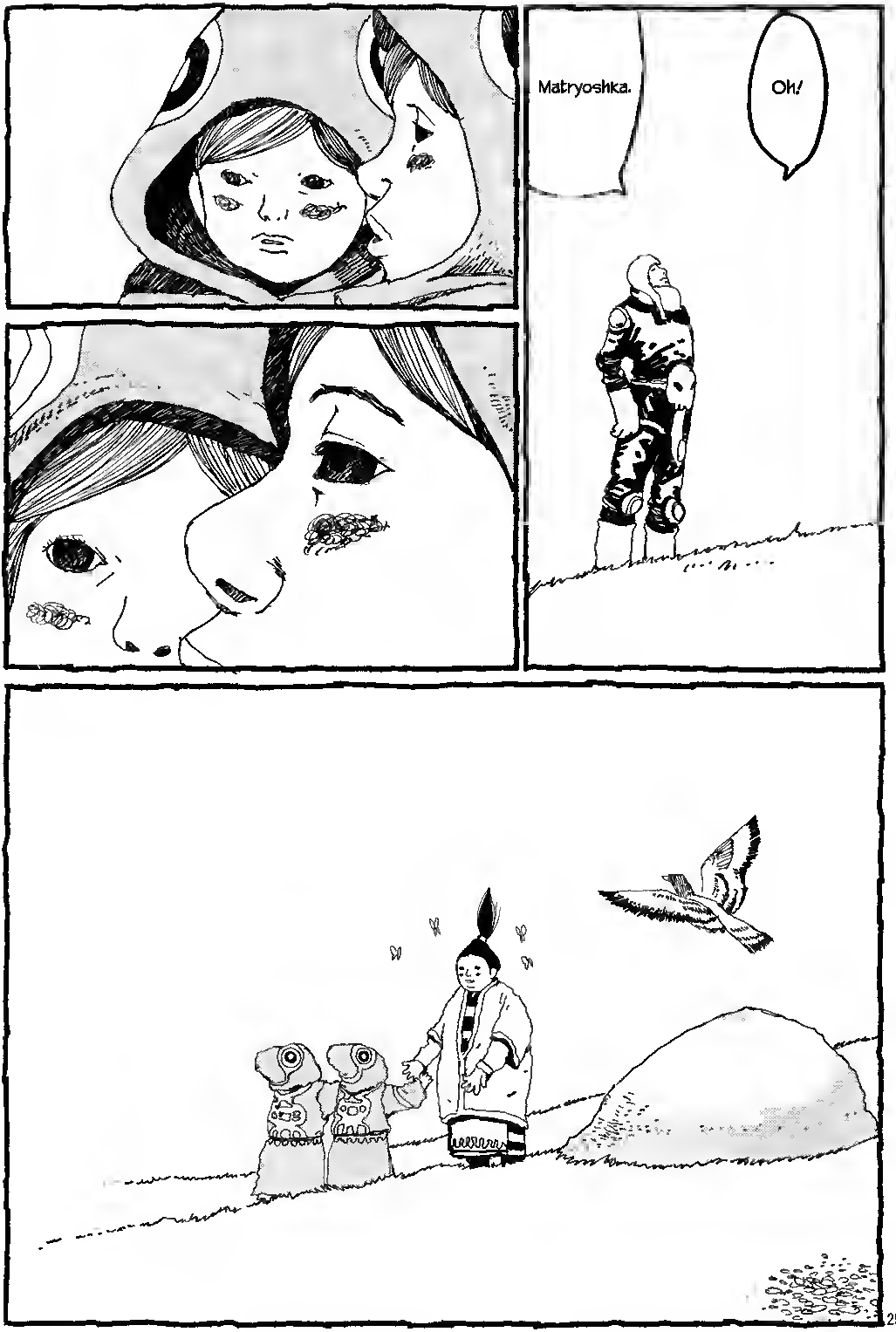

But it keeps getting darker and scarier. It just keeps seeping in...
In the end, we wanted to make a beautiful world and show it to you.

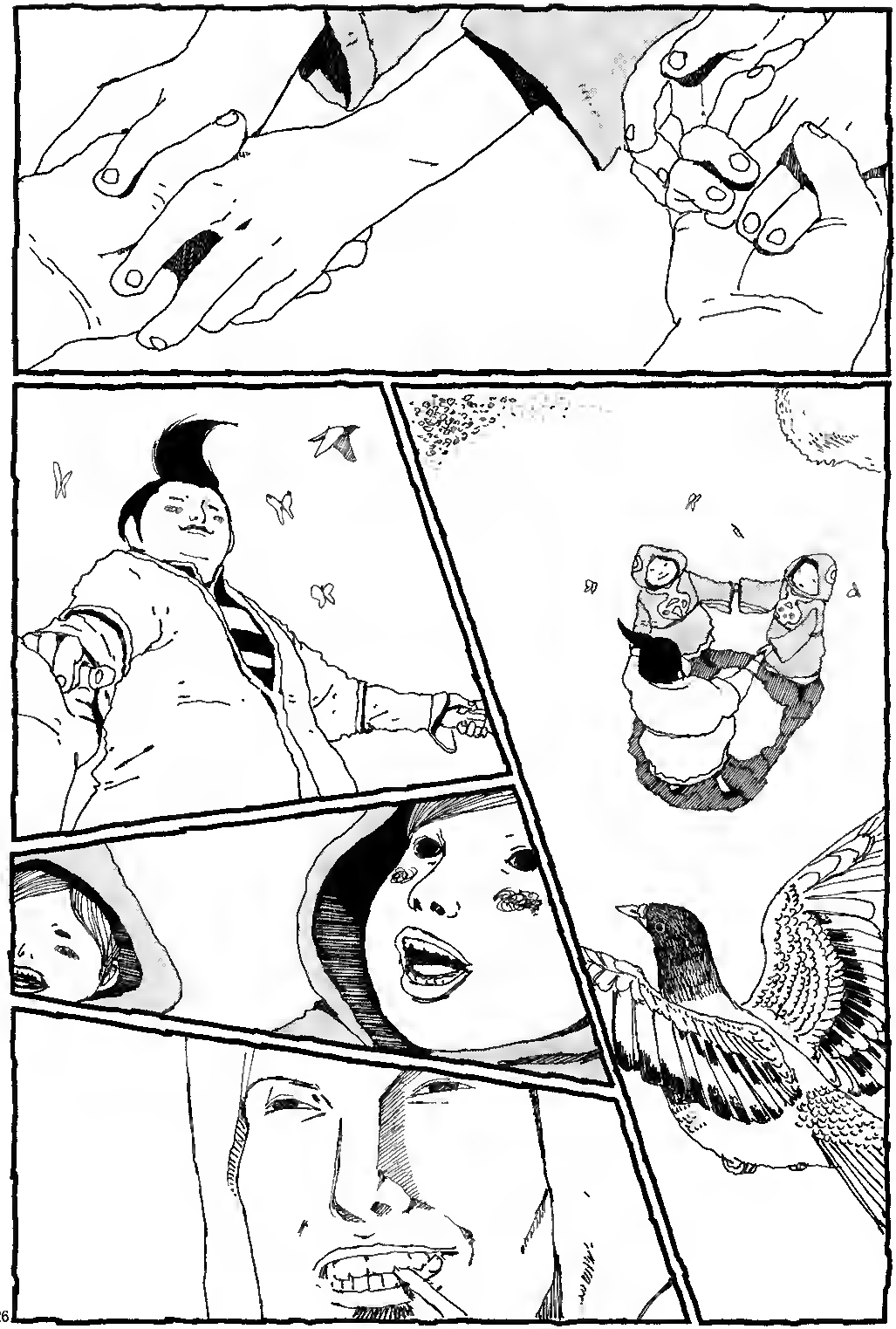
Hmm.

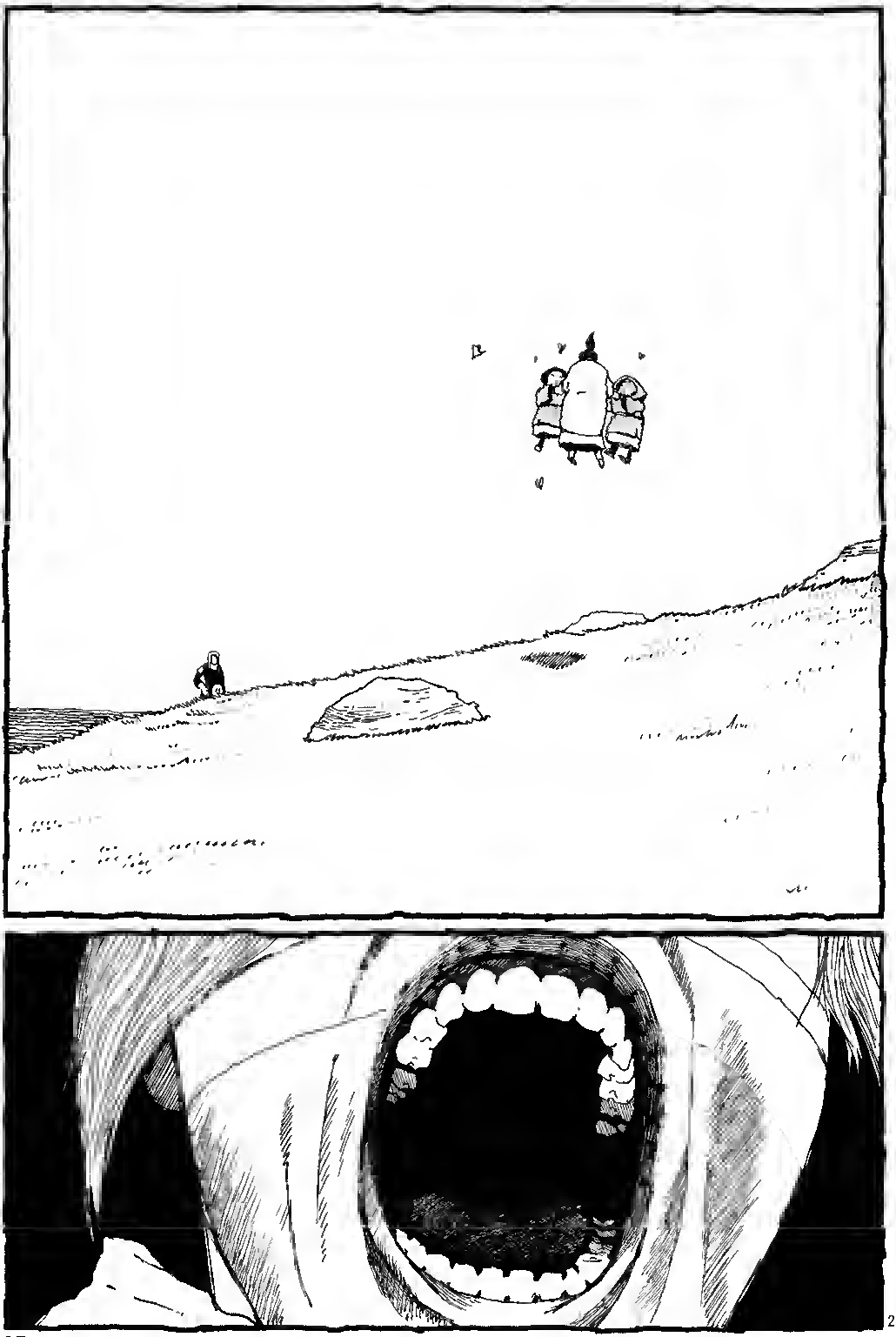
Four ...
Yes. and dying is sad, too.
We wanted to go with One too, after all.
?
Ufufu, so clumsy.
Ufufu fufu.
Who is it?
Ah.
Fu fu fu.
Clumsy Four.

Let's dance, Number Four.


Let's dance together.


Matryoshka.
Oh!





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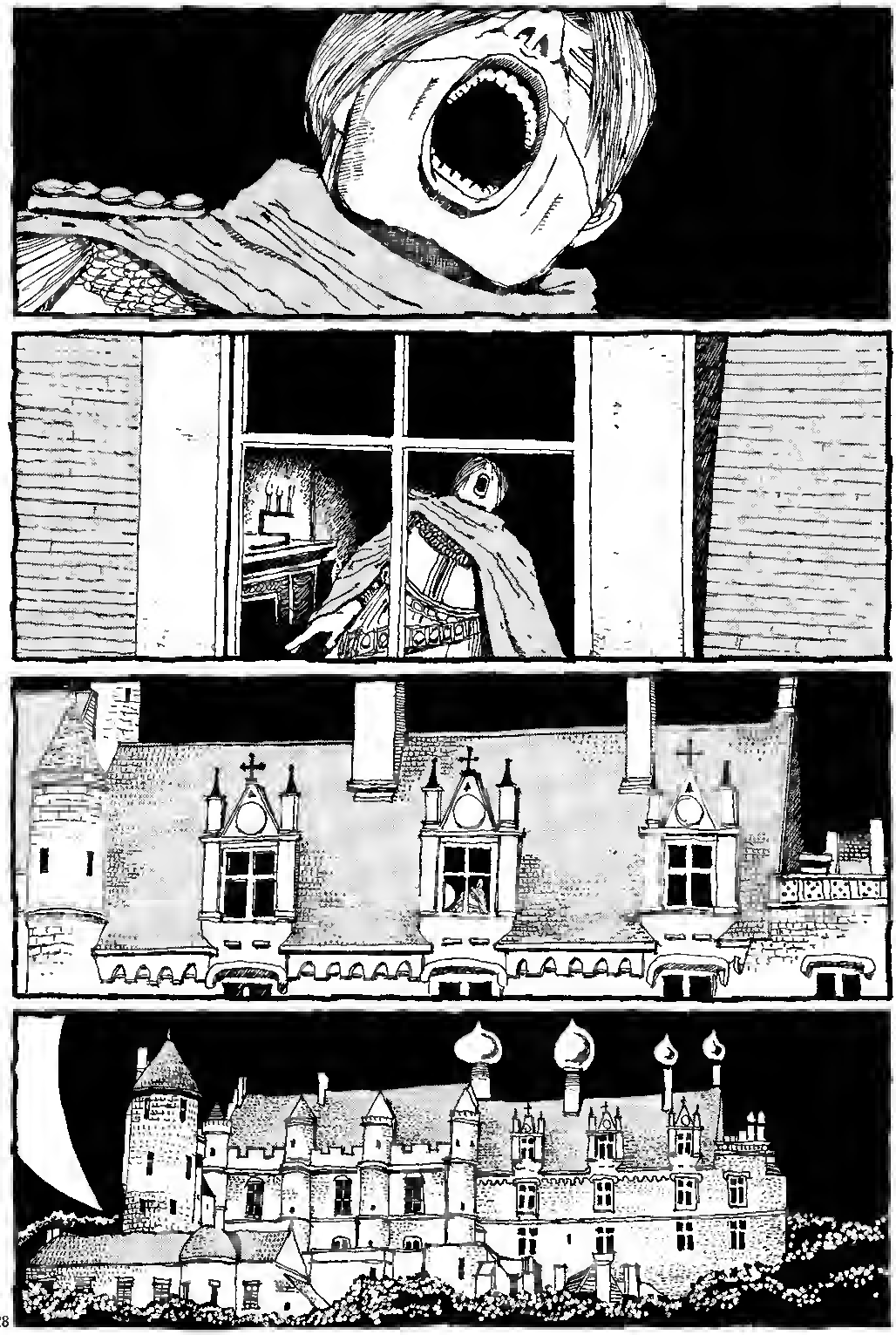

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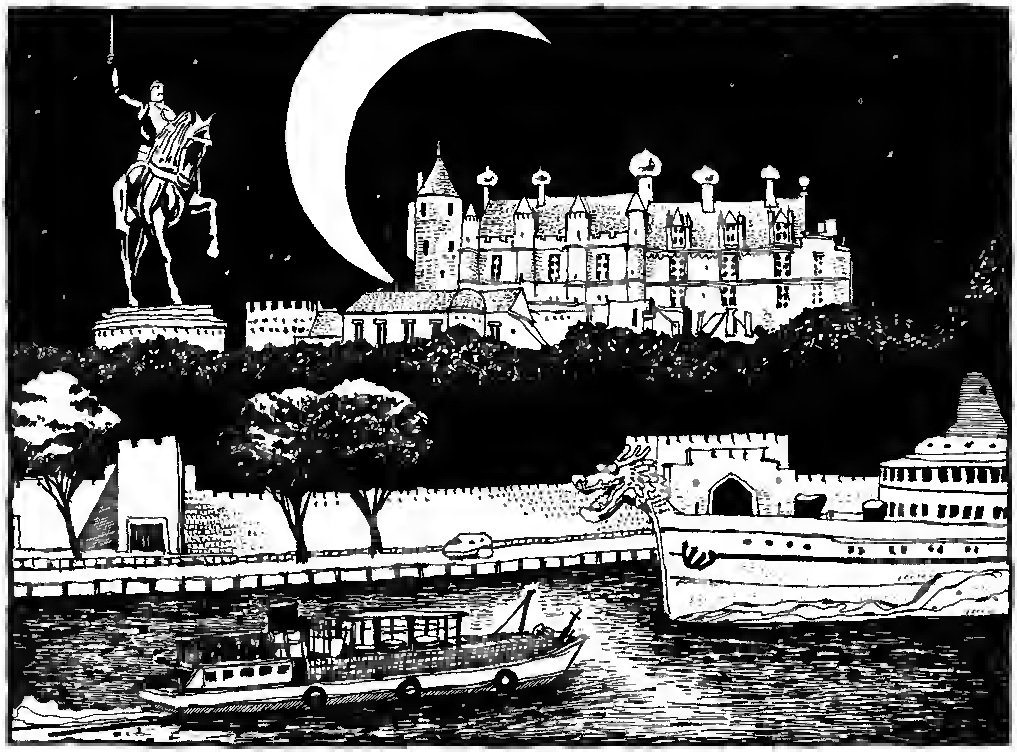

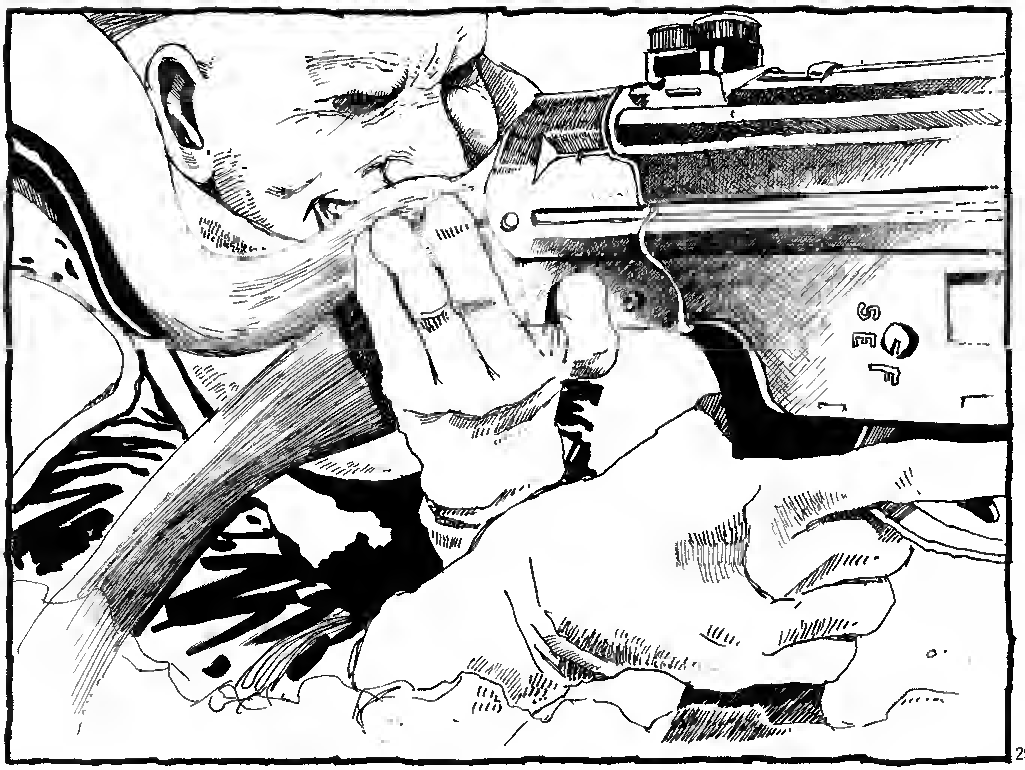

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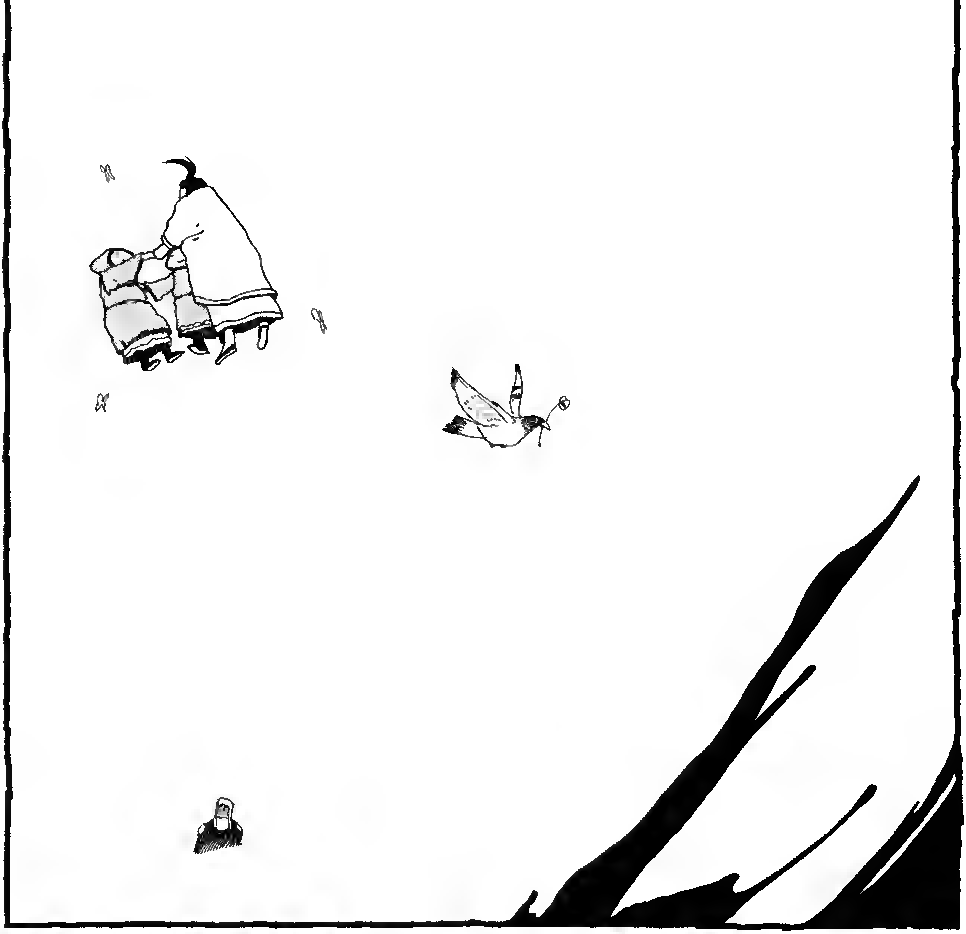

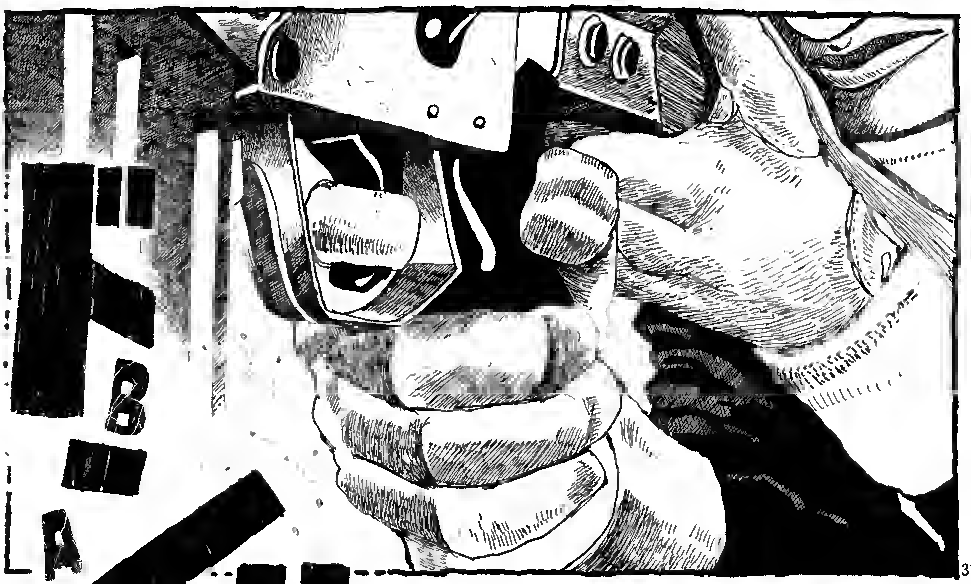
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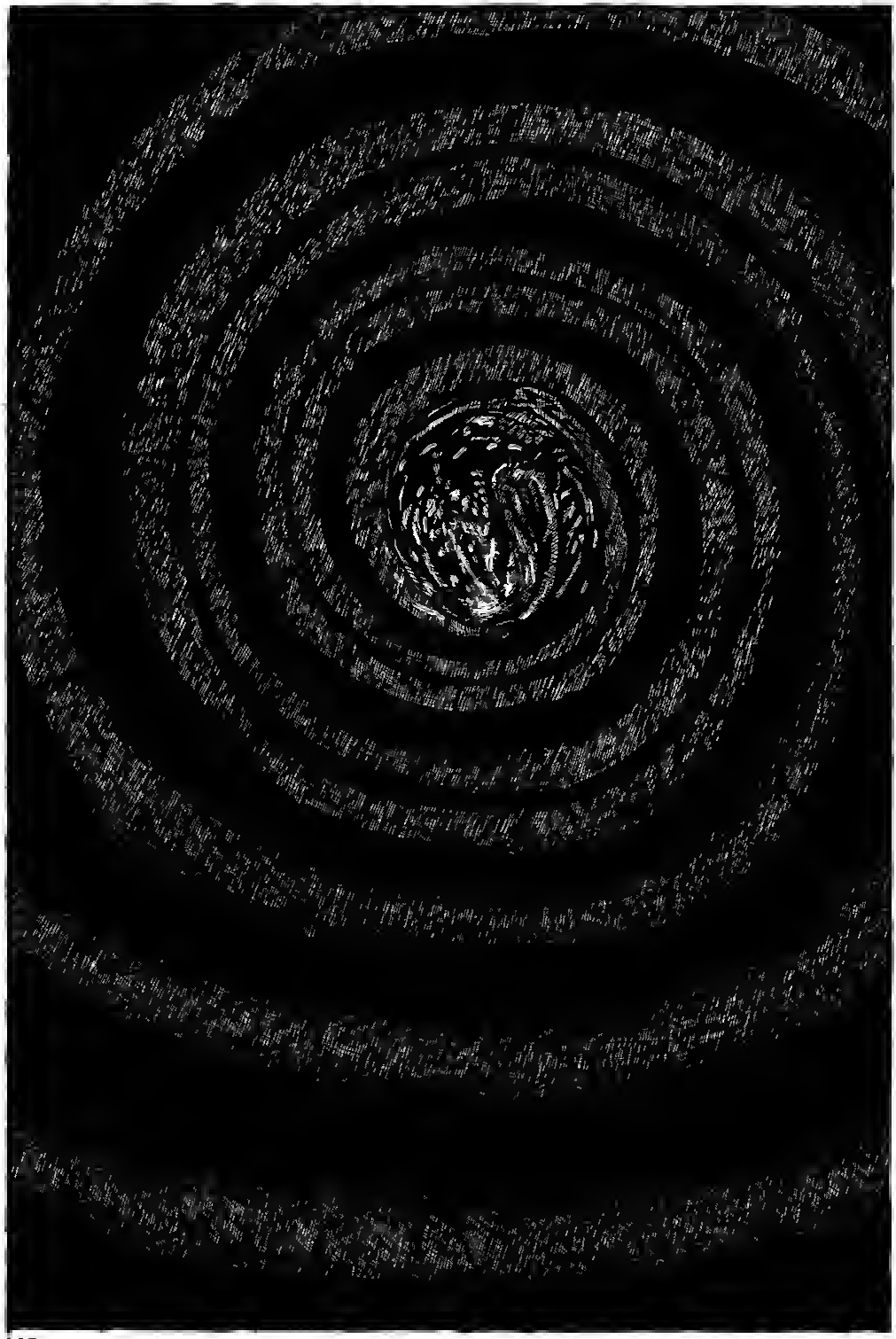
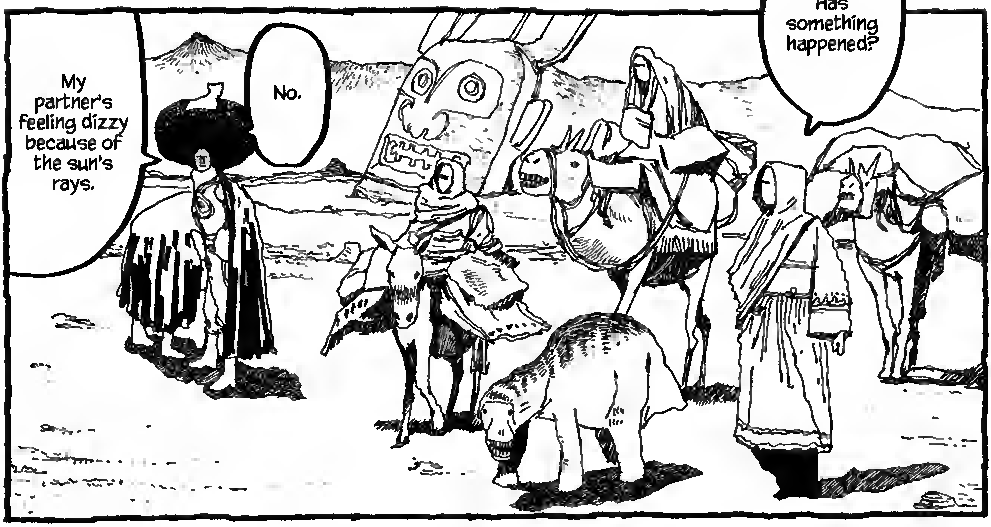
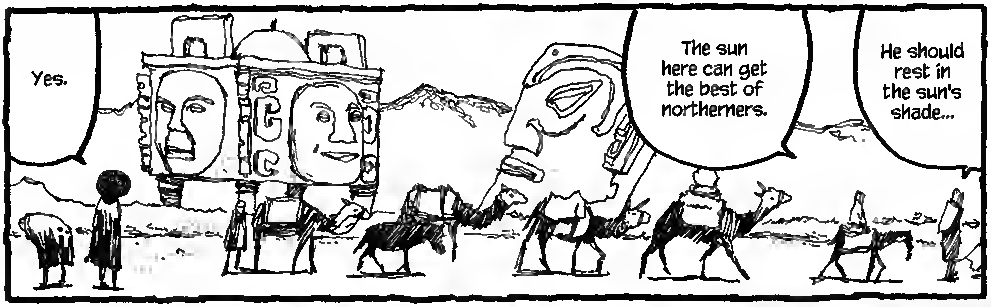
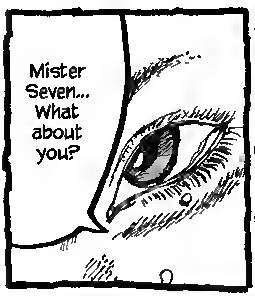


Domin-
ique.
!
It's
so...
deep.
Despair
has
enveloped
me.
Are
you all
right?


Has something happened?
No.
My partner's feeling dizzy because of the sun's rays.

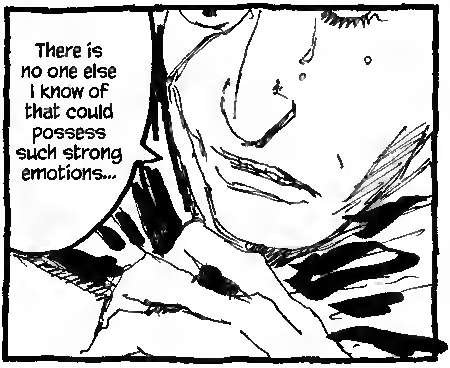

He should rest in the sun's shade...
The sun here can get the best of northerners.
Yes.


Mister Seven... What about you?

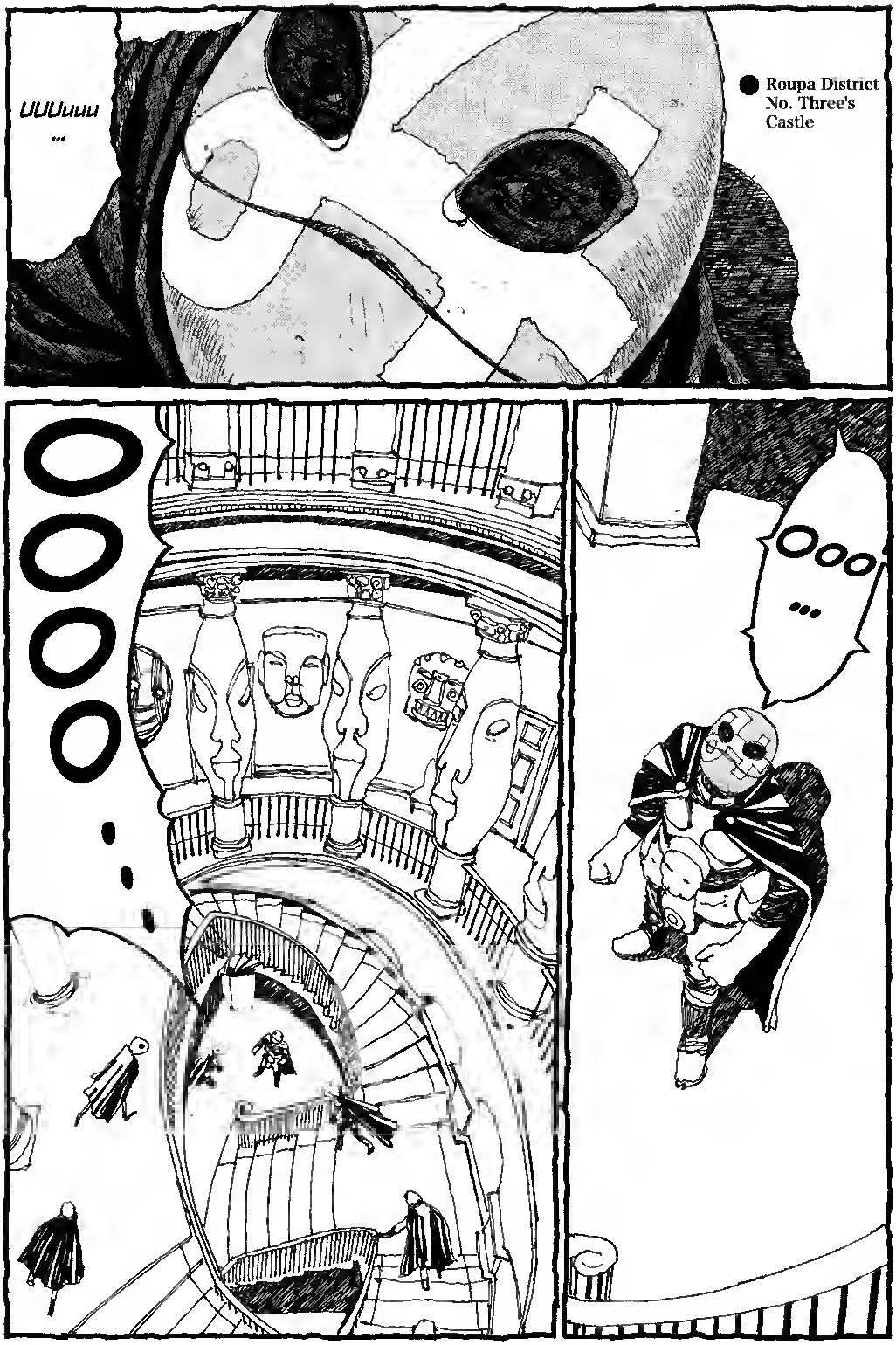
Number Four...
Did he die?

Was that Number One's, Dominique?

No ...


There is no one else I know of that could possess such strong emotions...

When I was in the Rainbow Council, my heart was often in turmoil like that, but now it's quiet like the calm ocean.
That must be nice...
It's almost as if...
Krsh ...
As if...


UUUuuu
...
Roupa District No. Three's Castle
OOOO
OOO
...

Is this yours...
Number One?
Ipe-po Province
No. Two's Castle

Gu-ba county
No. One's Castle
ビュウウウ
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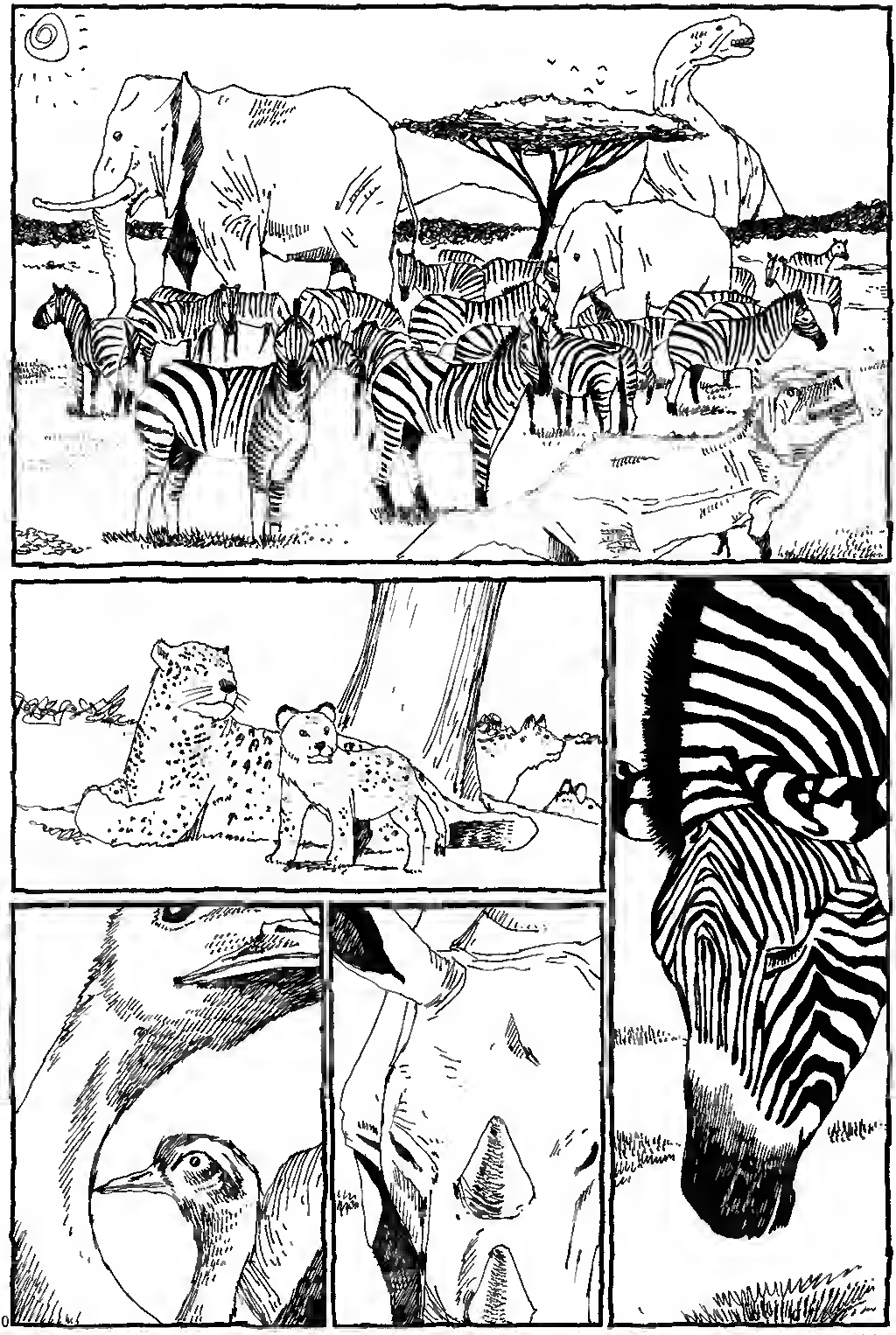

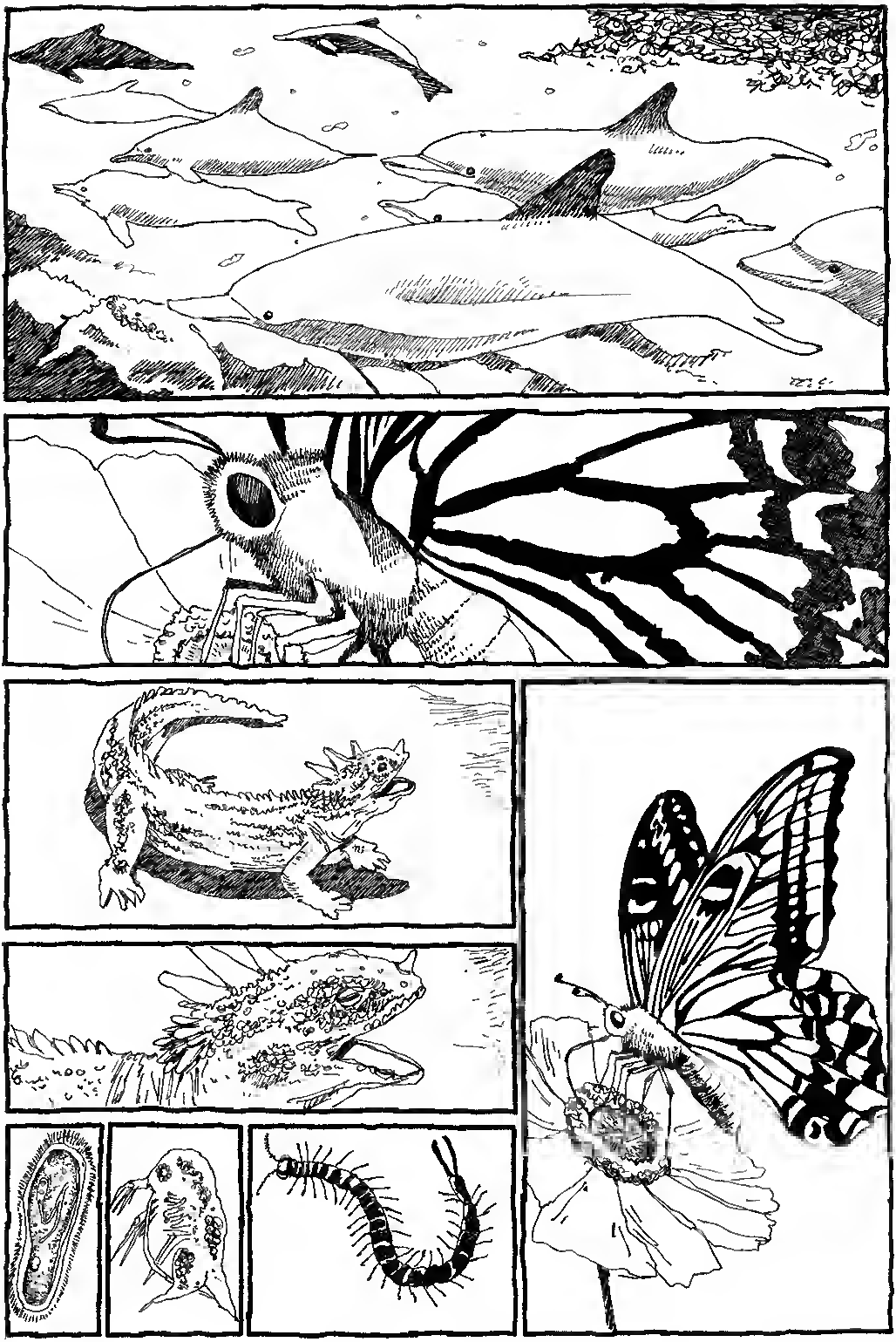

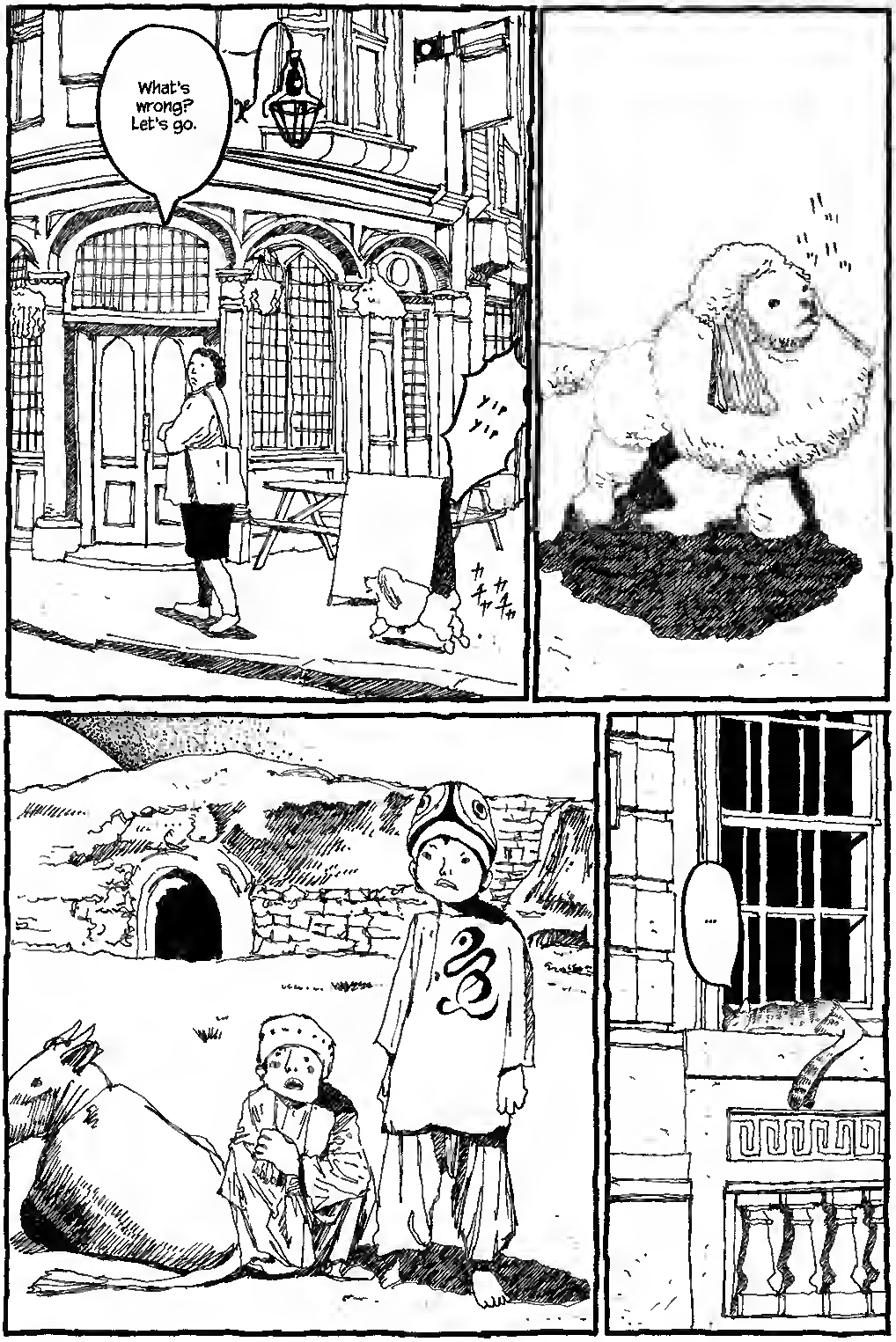
What's wrong? Let's go.
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...

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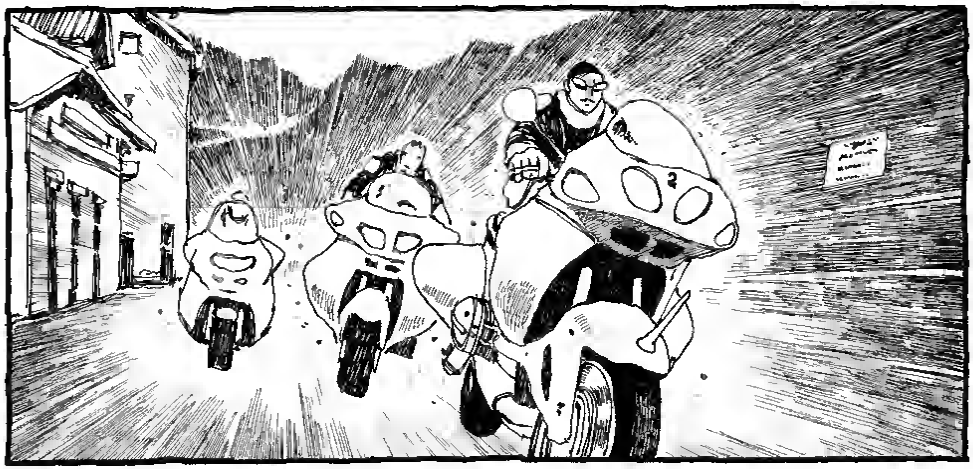


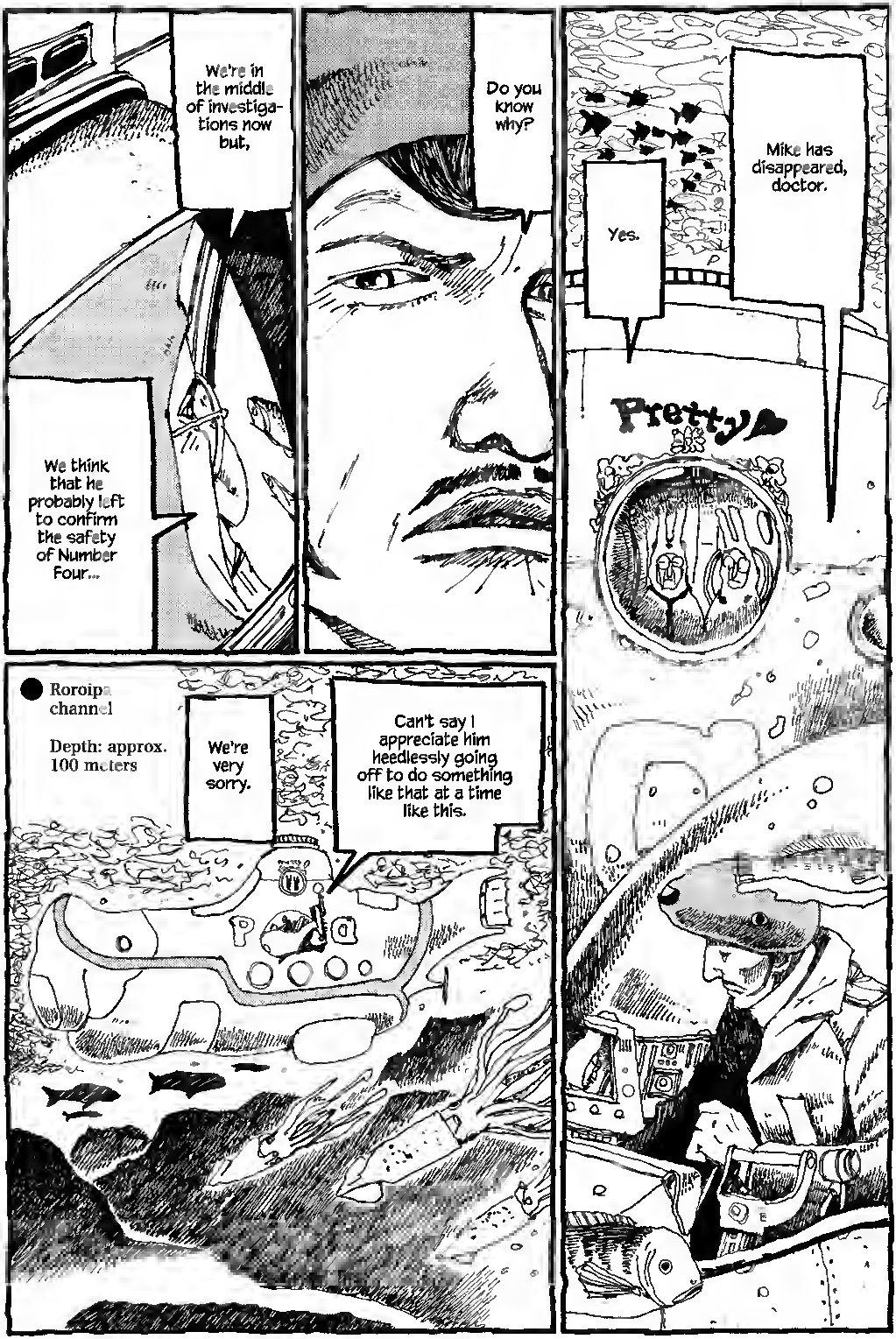
● Reni-a Mountain Range
Altitude: approx. 3800 meters

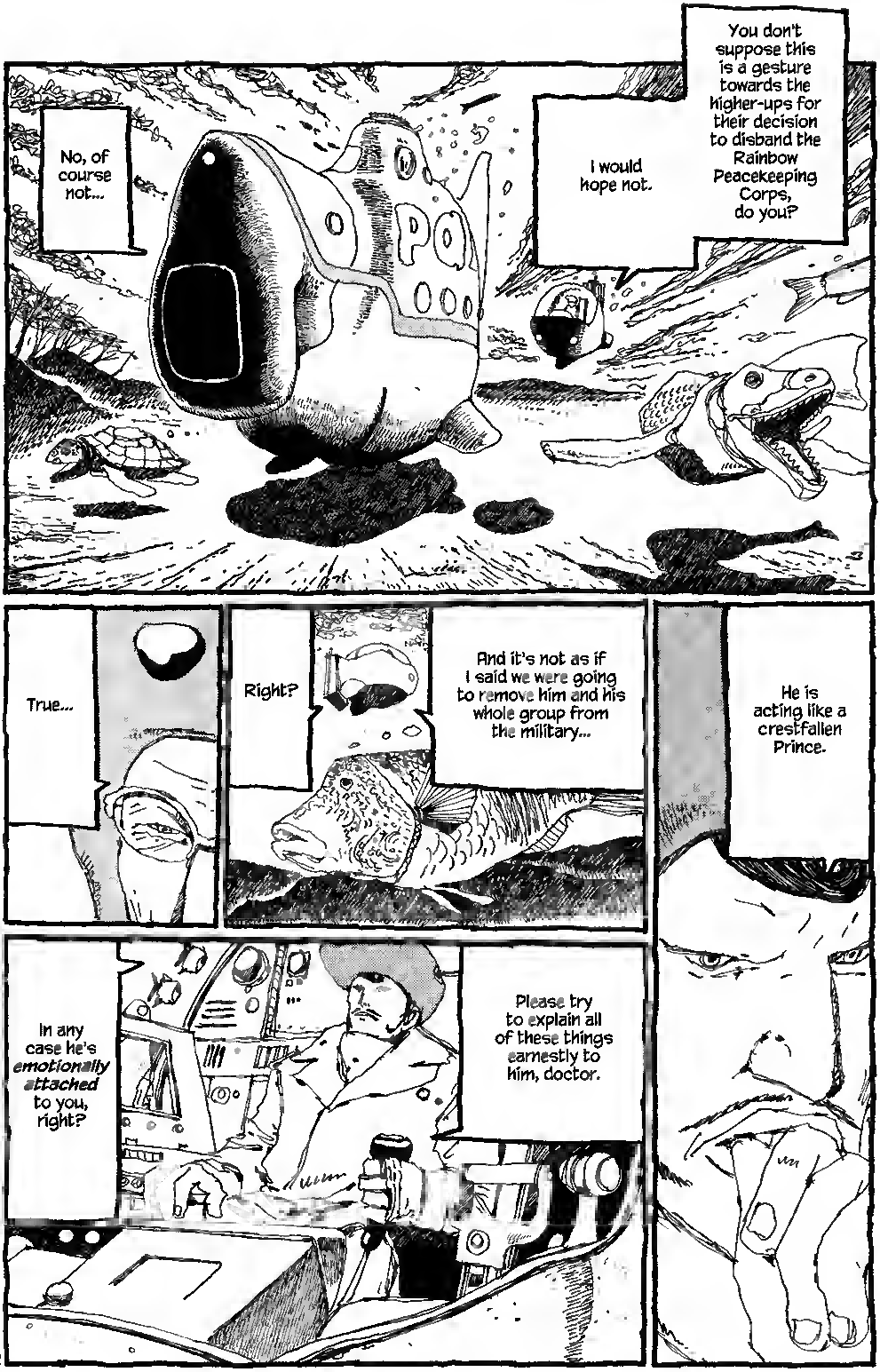
Did you call them over?
You've got quite a few friends with you, Matryoshka.

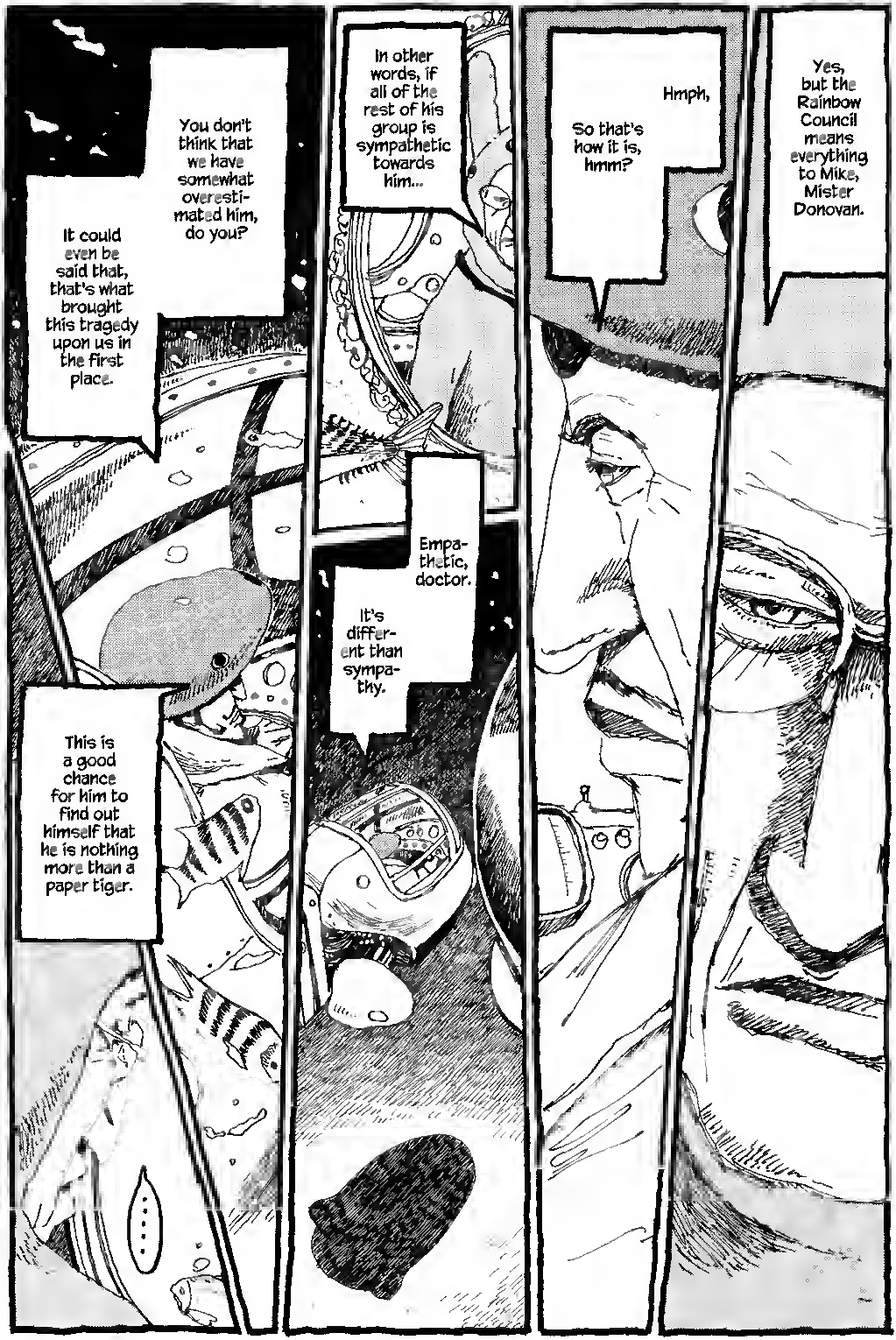
You and I are going to do a little walking, my lady.
I've got a subordinate waiting nearby.
You see, he's a man of a gentle heart, unlike myself.
And so the onslaught of despair has left him unable to so much as stand up.

ゴオオオオオオオオ

Kya
ha
ha
ha
...
SUN
SET

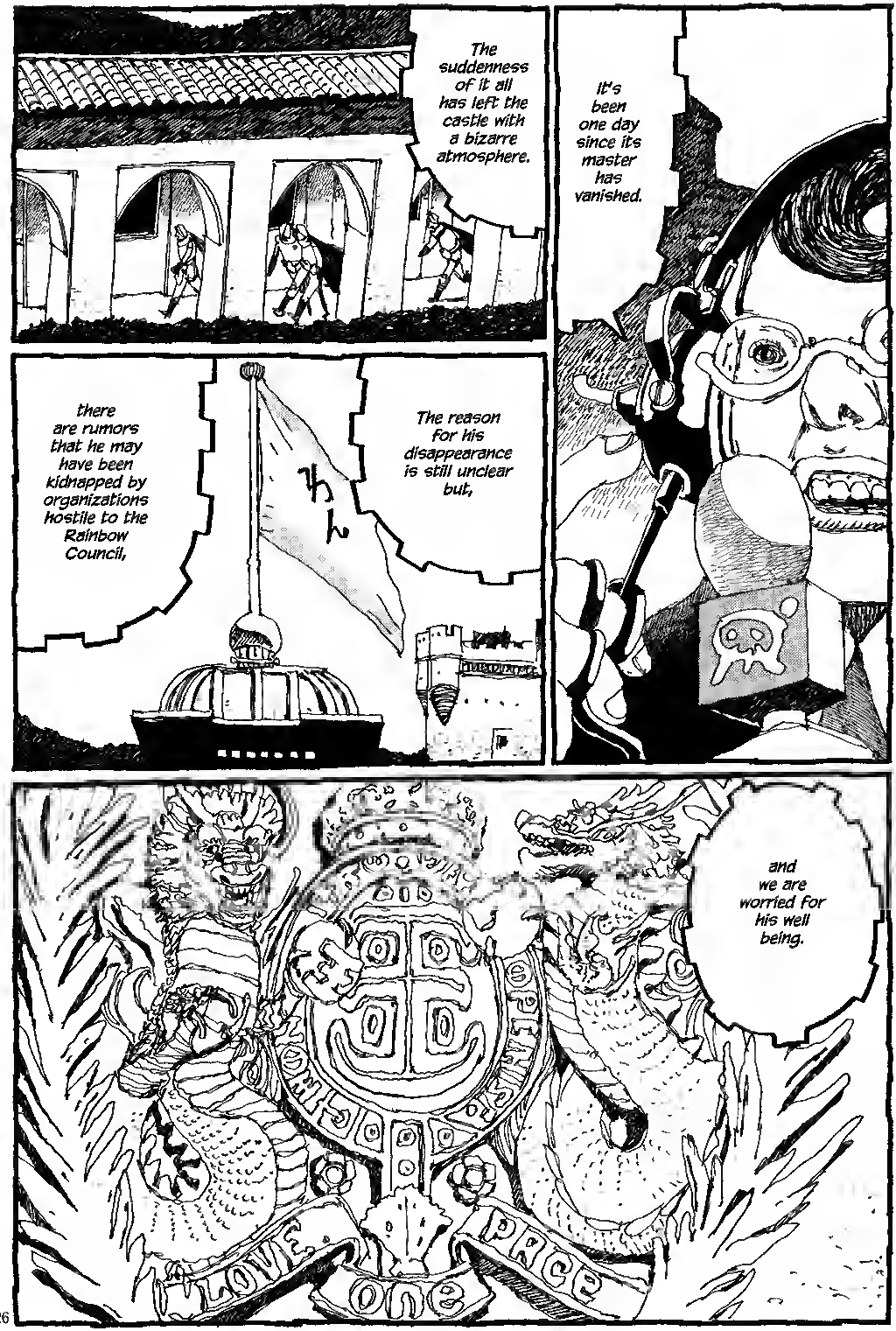

We're in the middle of investigations now but,
We think that he probably left to confirm the safety of Number Four...
Do you know why?
Mike has disappeared, doctor.
Yes.
Pretty
Roroipa channel
Depth: approx. 100 meters
We're very sorry.
Can't say I appreciate him heedlessly going off to do something like that at a time like this.

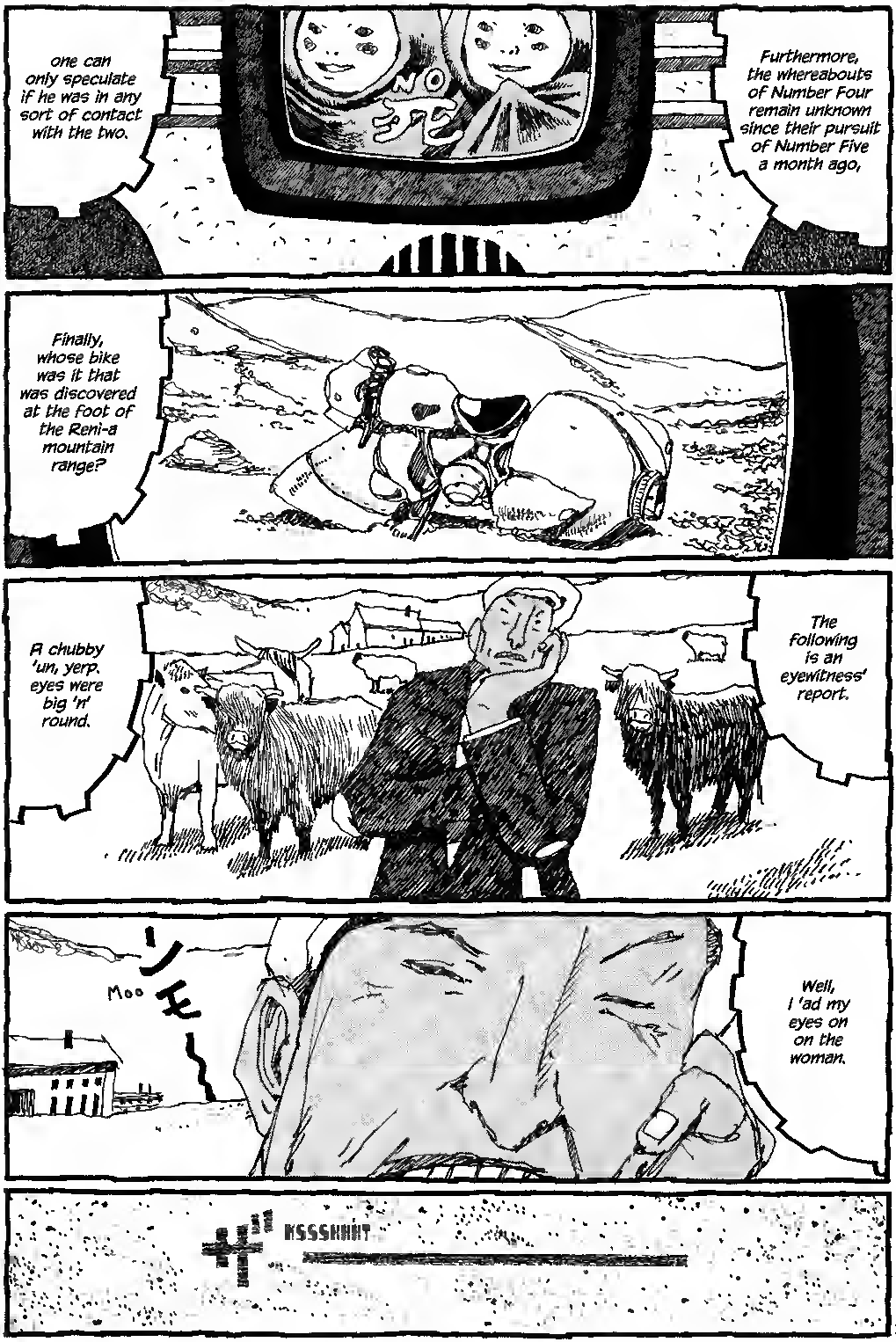

No, of course not...
I would hope not.
You don't suppose this is a gesture towards the higher-ups for their decision to disband the Rainbow Peacekeeping Corps, do you?
True...
Right?
And it's not as if I said we were going to remove him and his whole group from the military...
He is acting like a crestfallen Prince.
In any case he's *emotionally attached* to you, right?
Please try to explain all of these things earnestly to him, doctor.


You don't think that we have somewhat overestimated him, do you?
It could even be said that, that's what brought this tragedy upon us in the first place.
This is a good chance for him to find out himself that he is nothing more than a paper tiger.
In other words, if all of the rest of his group is sympathetic towards him...
Empathetic, doctor.
It's different than sympathy.
So that's how it is, hmm?
Hmph,
Yes, but the Rainbow Council means everything to Mike, Mister Donovan.

Take care.
...
PAPA
It's possible.
Do you think Mike might have realized you sent Viktor?
Hmm?
Has he sensed it?
Hmph.
What a despicable person.
That is unnecessary.
WC
Shall I increase the number of guards?

I cannot be killed by my children.
That's how I've made them.
We're standing in front of Number One's castle.


The suddenness of it all has left the castle with a bizarre atmosphere.
It's been one day since it's master has vanished.
there are rumors that he may have been kidnapped by organizations hostile to the Rainbow Council,
The reason for his disappearance is still unclear but,
and we are worried for his well being.
LOVE
ONE
PEACE


one can only speculate if he was in any sort of contact with the two.
NO
Furthermore, the whereabouts of Number Four remain unknown since their pursuit of Number Five a month ago,
Finally, whose bike was it that was discovered at the foot of the Reni-a mountain range?
A chubby 'un, yerp. eyes were big 'n' round.
The following is an eyewitness' report.
Moo
Well, I 'ad my eyes on on the woman.
KSSSHHHT

Where is this?
The air is tepid...
I ride on this and I...
I see.
What? A boat? It's a boat.

I,
?
Rain?
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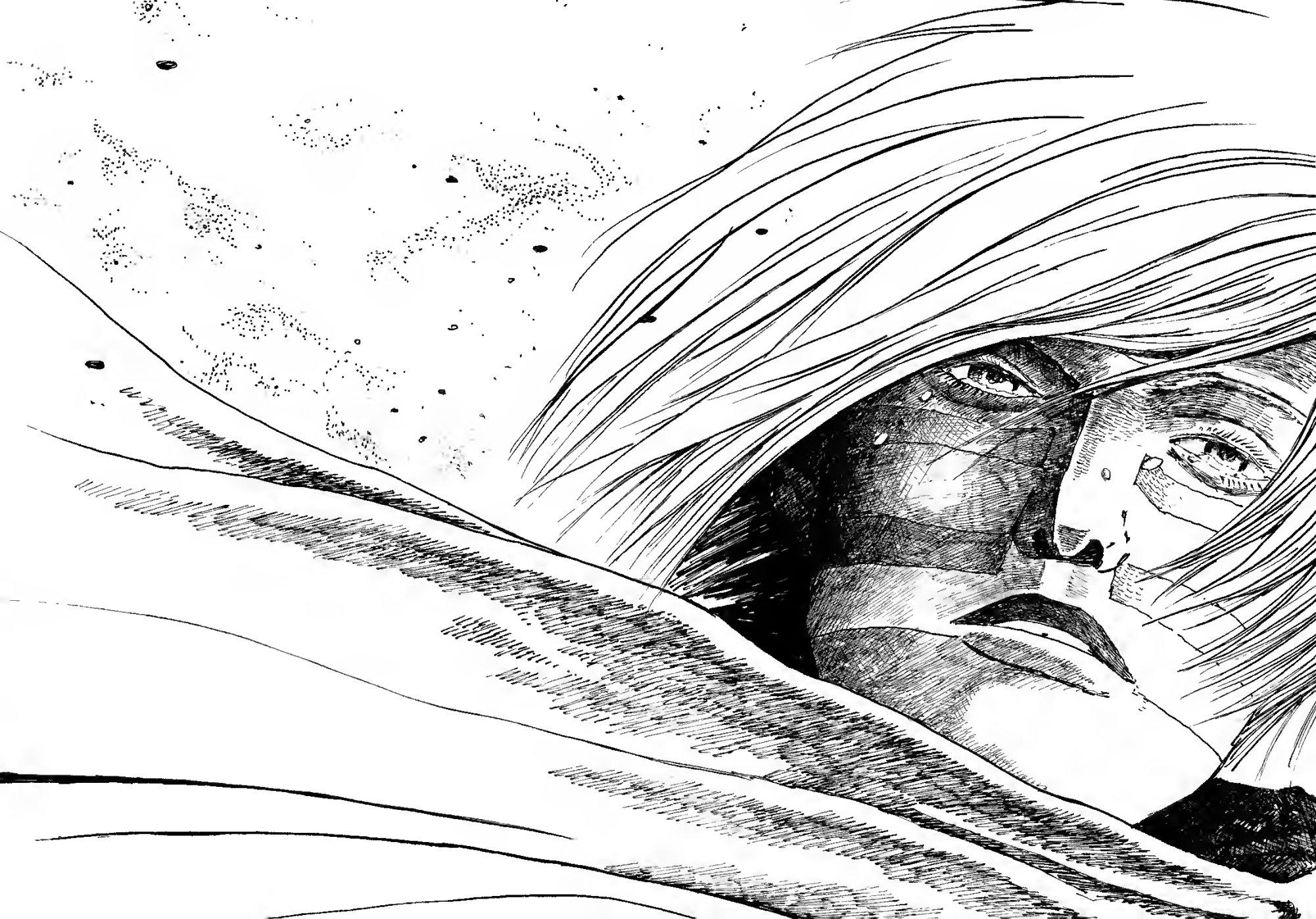

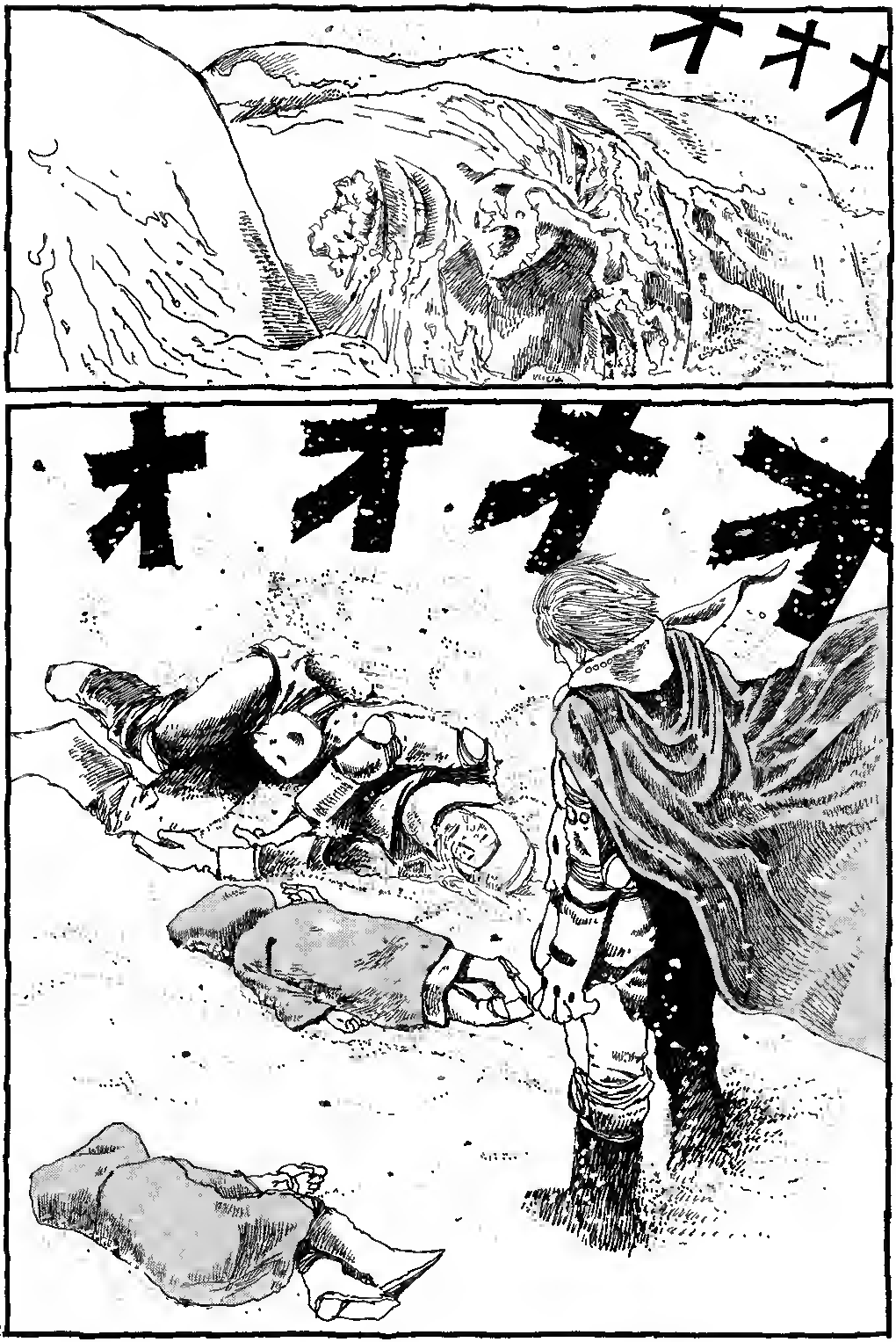

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